

# CENTENNIAL

KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA



1874-1974



Monument erected in 1909 by U. S. Gov. at  
Kings Mountain National Park

## KINGS MOUNTAIN BATTLEGROUND

Kings Mountain and the surrounding area is the site of an engagement of the American Revolution, fought October 7, 1780, between American militia under Col. William Campbell, Col. Isaac Shelby, Col. John Sevier, and Col. Ben Cleveland, and the American Loyalists under Major Patrick Ferguson of the British Army.

Ferguson, with about 1,110 men, was sent into western North Carolina by Charles Marquis Cornwallis to secure the countryside.

Ferguson made his stand on a mountain, part of the Kings Mountain range, but not the pinnacle named Kings Mountain, where he was overtaken, surrounded, and attacked. The mountain men, armed with rifles, were aided in the assault by the cover of trees and shrubs, which at the time impeded the loyalists' defense. Ferguson was killed and the surrounded British force under Capt. Abraham dePeyster surrendered.

The British lost more than 300 killed and wounded; 700 captured. The Americans lost 28 killed and 62 wounded. The victory marked a turning point in the fighting of the South.

The battleground was preserved as the Kings Mountain National Military Park, established in 1931, with an area of 4,012 acres. President Herbert Hoover was the guest speaker at Kings Mountain upon the occasion of the dedication of the park.

Thousands of people visit the park each year, and it is fast becoming a mecca for persons who wish to study their country's history at the places where it was made.

# History and Program

*Commemorating the*

## CENTENNIAL

*of*

### KINGS MOUNTAIN

1874-1974



*Including the program of festivities*

September 30 - October 6, 1974

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## FOREWORD

On February 11, 1874 the village of Kings Mountain received her charter. That day began the growth and development which resulted a century later in a town of approximately 10,000 inhabitants.

The mayor, in January, 1974, appointed an honorary chairman, two co-chairmen and a commission of other citizens to conduct appropriate festivities for the one hundredth year of incorporation.

A day of thanksgiving on February 10, a community-wide birthday program on February 11, followed by seven months of remembering the past, of evaluating the present, and of planning for the future culminated September 30 - October 6, 1974, in a week of activities for every citizen of Kings Mountain.

The comradeship, the joy in a cooperative community participation has prepared the town to move into the second century in the spirit of the fore-fathers.

*Cover picture: Panoramic view of  
Railroad Avenue  
in early 1900's.*

*Published September, 1974*





THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON



October 5, 1974

The Honorable John Henry Moss  
Mayor of the City of Kings Mountain  
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086

Dear Mr. Mayor:

It is a privilege and a pleasure for me to congratulate you and the citizens of the City of Kings Mountain on this historic occasion.

We are commemorating the 194th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain as our nation itself is approaching its bicentennial anniversary. This affords us the opportunity of marking the battle, which was a major victory for the colonists, at the same time that we rekindle the spirit of the American Revolution.

I would ask that we all strive, commencing with this propitious event and looking forward to our Bicentennial Year, to rededicate ourselves to the principles and traditions of our American Revolution.

I salute the people of the Piedmont Carolinas, and I thank you for your invitation.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald R. Ford

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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JAMES E. HOLSHOUSE, JR.  
GOVERNOR

October, 1974

The Honorable John Henry Moss  
Mayor of Kings Mountain  
Kings Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Mayor Moss:

The City of Kings Mountain reflects several facets of North Carolina's and our Nation's past. Its structures, countryside, and tradition trace history from the Colonial Era to present-day America. In its significant role in the formation of our heritage, Kings Mountain has been responsible for many developments. Most notably, we remember it as the site of the revolutionary Battle of Kings Mountain. Historians have frequently termed this colonial victory a turning point in the American Revolutionary War.

Now, as we approach the 100th anniversary of the City and the 194th celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, let us pause to pay tribute to the revolutionary colonists who brought fame to the site, the hard-working citizens who led the establishment of the community as a city, and the contemporary leaders and citizens who have retained for Kings Mountain its place as a historic and outstanding American city.

Congratulations to the City of Kings Mountain on this auspicious occasion and best wishes for many more years of prosperity and success.

Sincerely,

  
James E. Holshouse, Jr.

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Governor James E. Holshouse

THE CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN  
NORTH CAROLINA  
The Historical City

W E L C O M E !

TO CITIZENS, FORMER CITIZENS, FRIENDS FROM NEIGHBORING  
COMMUNITIES, OUT-OF-STATE GUESTS

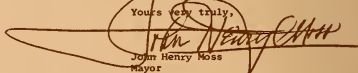
I wish to extend to you, on behalf of the Citizens of Kings Mountain, the Board of City Commissioners and myself, a most heartfelt WELCOME to the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of the founding of the CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN and the 194th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN, the Battle that turned the tide of the Revolutionary War in favor of the AMERICANS.

To our Citizens, my sincerest CONGRATULATIONS! It is you, the individual Citizen, who has made these Celebrations MEANINGFUL as we strive to carry out the HIGHEST IDEALS of our GREAT CONSTITUTION OF THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

I am extremely proud of our Accomplishments and the Attitude of our CITIZENS, a Combination that has given to the CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN an En enviable Reputation of GROWTH AND PROGRESS but which, at the same time, has DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, FRIENDLINESS AND CONSIDERATION FOR ALL.

Upon the conclusion of our CELEBRATIONS, it is my sincere wish that you will take with you HAPPY AND JOYOUS MEMORIES of the fun of these CELEBRATIONS and of the DEEPER MEANINGS of these COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES; and let us resolve to carry forward the GRAIL OF OUR HADRY ANCESTORS who set the stage and GAVE US THE FOUNDATIONS which have made it possible for us to reach THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN OUR HISTORY.

Yours very truly,

  
John Henry Moss  
Mayor

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Memento of site of the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, 1780-1974. Gift of the Kings Mountain National Military Park.



Mayor John Henry Moss

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Mrs. F. R. Summers cutting cake at opening of Centennial Headquarters.

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Bonnie Mauney Summers (Mrs. Frank R.), author of "Kings Mountain: Her Background and Beginning, (about 1780-1920)," was born January 26, 1897, in Kings Mountain. Her parents were William A. and Candace Miller Mauney. Mrs. Summers was educated in the Kings Mountain public schools and graduated from Elizabeth College, Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1915. After doing graduate work at University of North Carolina, she returned to Kings Mountain to teach school, becoming principal of the high school and later superintendent of the city schools.

In 1925 she married Frank R. Summers. Mrs. Summers is a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church. She has been active in civic work, Vice-Chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic Committee, a trustee of the Cleveland County Historical Society and a member of the County Bi-Centennial Commission. A Charter member of the Col. Frederick Hambricht Chapter D.A.R., she has held many offices in the local chapter, as well as serving as a state officer. Besides the Kings Mountain history, she has compiled two genealogies: "Three Mauney Families" and "The Col. Frederick Hambricht Family."

In 1974 Mrs. Summers was appointed honorary Chairman of the Centennial Celebration of Kings Mountain.

# The First

## KINGS MOUNTAIN: Her Background and Beginning (About 1780-1920)

Bonnie Mauney Summers (Mrs. Frank R.)

**W**ho have lived long in this immediate locality have more than our share of reasons to be proud of its history. The varied and colorful happenings in the early days of growth read like an exciting adventure tale and challenge the imagination.

Before the Revolutionary War, this section had been settled by the Scotch-Irish and German pioneers, some moving from earlier settlements in eastern North Carolina, and even a greater number coming from Pennsylvania, which had been over crowded with German and French Huguenots due to religious persecutions in their homelands.

The land which now comprises the town of Kings Mountain and adjacent territory had been received through state and royal grants to many of these early settlers among whom were:

1. John Husselberger - 200A (State Grant) August 12, 1787, on Potts Creek joining Solomon Beason, William Crockett, James Huggins and this Husselberger sold (200A) to Humphrey Parker, January 8, 1799.
2. Solomon Beason, Sr.-150A (Royal Grant) April 21, 1764 joining South Carolina on Beasons Creek, a branch of Buffalo. He conveyed to Joseph Beason, to Solomon Beason, Jr.
3. Isaac Kimball-100A (State Grant) October 13, 1783, on headwaters of Kings Creek



The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Wright Tracy, Lenora Catherine, was the wife of two outstanding early Kings Mountain area men: Capt. Plato Durham, and after his death, Dr. Ben F. Dixon. It was her mother who named the town of Kings Mountain after the Battle.

- (50S for every 100A). He conveyed to William Crockett, to Robert Weer 1794; to Joseph Weer, 1810; sold by James Quinn, Sheriff of Lincoln County to Romulus Sanders, July 17, 1837; to Robert Falls, September 5, 1837, 104A joining John Coulter, Vardry McBee, William Falls and others.
4. Alexander Dickey - 200A (State Grant) January 26, 1796 on headwaters of Crowders Creek.
5. James Blythe (Royal Grant) conveyed to George Potts, 1773; to James Huggins, 1777 on Potts Creek.
6. Robert Falls with John Dixon and William J. Wilson, February 28, 1837-57A from A.J.M. Brevard, adjoining Sam Patterson, Robert Weer, M.C. Gladden and Solomon Bradley, from a State Grant to Alexander Brevard.

7. Other Royal and State Grants to John Murphy sold to John Weer, 1776, on Buffalo Creek; and to Robert Weer and Thomas McGill-200A and 212A.

Before 1780 the "post road" from Burke County, North Carolina to Charleston, South Carolina traversed this section following the general direction of the present Cherryville and York roads, and no doubt crossed the site for the later Kings Mountain town.

Probably the two men who owned most of the land upon which the future Kings Mountain would be built were Humphrey Parker and Robert Falls. Court records are obscure, but it seems that part of Robert Falls' land had passed to him through a Sam Patterson and a John Blackwood.

This was likely part of the grant to Isaac Kimball-the area which was to become the first business and residential district of the new town. Humphrey Parker's land extended from what is now Ridge Street northward probably to the present Linwood Road and to the west toward Cansler Street.

Robert Falls is mentioned in an account reported in "Carolina Gazette" of Rutherford County in 1838, as one of six representatives from the Southeast portion of Lincoln County who met with a like number from Rutherford County for the purpose of arousing sentiment for the formation of a new county from parts of the two above named counties. As a result of this and further meetings, Cleveland County was officially set up in 1841.

Two other men who were early identified with the new Cleveland County were Dr. James Wright Tracy and Ben F. Briggs—mov-



# Fifty Years



Captain Freno Dilling, a state legislator and one of the founding fathers of Kings Mountain.

ing here with their families from South Carolina, probably Spartanburg County, in 1843 or 1844. They were brothers-in-law, their wives being Misses Minerva and Katherine Stone. Dr. Tracy lived in the El Bethel section until after the town of Kings Mountain was started and then moved to a home on what is now West Gold Street near the intersection of Tracy Street. Ben Briggs settled to the east of those who held land grants on the mountain land between Kings and Crowders.

The building of the Charlotte-Atlanta Airline Railway (Southern) in 1870-72 was the impetus for the founding of Kings Mountain town. Farmers who had been living in this section prior to this time had no vision of seeing

their land turned into town lots or industrial sites, but men of other parts of this county and adjacent areas saw the possibilities for development. In 1872, R.Y. McAden of Charlotte bought 25 acres of land from Robert Falls with the idea of division into lots. Soon he released his holdings to John H. Craig who made sales to various later newcomers.

In May, 1872, Capt. Freno Dilling moved his sawmill from Cherryville to the site of the present Kings Mill on North Piedmont Avenue. In the fall of that year the first railroad track was laid by this place. The Dilling sawmill supplied some of the cross ties and his well furnished water to the railroad engines.

Late in 1872, A.V. Falls from the White Plains section and W.A. Mauney from the Muddy Fork section of Cleveland County bought two acres from Robert Falls. This was the city block now bounded by Piedmont Avenue, King Street, Battleground Avenue and Ridge Street. Mr. Falls took his half on the south side, now King Street, but built his home on the east end of his two acres and facing east. Mr. Mauney's share was the half to the north of the present Ridge Street.

On April 14, 1872 (Easter Monday) W.A. Mauney, with his brother J.S. Mauney, came to build their homes and open a general store. J.S. Mauney chose the eastern half of their two acres for his home site and W.A. Mauney built on the western end facing the railroad. His home included the store site which is the present little white dwelling house east of the old overhead railroad bridge.

Before this time the only store

operating in this area was Crow and Beam's bar-room located at the north corner of what is now Railroad Avenue and West Mountain Street, but within the year 1874 they opened another store directly across the railroad track on the east. Also in 1874 Mauney Brothers moved their store to a location south—about the middle of the block between the present Mountain and Gold Streets and facing the railroad. In 1878 they replaced the wooden building with the town's first two-story brick structure. (The present Rose's Store). A.P. and M.M. Carpenter, brothers, came in 1874 and opened a mercantile business joining Mauney Brothers on the south. About the same time, P.S. Baker and Jacob McGinnis came and built a store on the south corner of the present King Street and Battleground Avenue.

When the railroad was completed Mrs. Tracy, the postmistress of "White Plains", was asked by the officials to select a name for the new station. Showing her patriotic spirit she chose "Kings Mountain" in commemoration of the Revolutionary War battle that had been waged eight miles away. The first passenger depot was built on the west side of the track almost opposite the Mauney Brothers store. The freight office was a little to the south and on the east side. Soon after, "White Plains" post office, located near El Bethel Church in the home of the Tracys, was closed and moved to Kings Mountain. The new office was in Mauney Brothers' store and the postmaster was W.A. Mauney. He served in this office seventeen years.

White Plains muster ground was just south of El Bethel Church. Here in 1861, Co. G 49th Regiment of North Carolina Con-



federate troops trained; also the Cleveland Blues which was absorbed by Co. D 14th Regiment. The latter was the company of Capt. B.F. Dixon.

The town of Kings Mountain was chartered February 11, 1874 and the organizational meeting was held February 24. The commissioners named in the charter were Dr. J.W. Tracy, W.A. Mauney, F. Dilling, D.C. Beam, and W.F. Falls. From this number, W.A. Mauney was chosen the first Mayor. The charter covered about one letter size page of type-writing, the longest section of which provided for an election within thirty days on "License".

The election was not held on schedule, but when the vote was finally taken, the result was 13 to 0 - "no" on the sale of liquor within the town. The first town ordinances passed at the first commissioners meeting listed demeanors with their punishment and fine.

1. Drunkenness
2. Profanity-particularly in presence of women and children
3. Shooting of firearms within town limits
4. Selling any articles on Sunday, except in case of sickness or death.
5. Gambling

At some later meeting of the board, other officers were named: Jacob McGinnis, the first policeman; Emanuel Patterson, the first constable; I.W. Garrett, the first secretary of the board; and R.H. Garrett, the first town treasurer.

Some time during the 70's the Garrett brothers—I. Walton, Richard, John and Dr. Frank—with their families, had come from Edgecombe County, North Carolina and bought town property and large tracts of mountain land from the Briggs estate paying on an average of 50¢ per

acre. They with their kinsman, R.S. Suggs also from Edgecombe County, built two store buildings on the south corner of Railroad Avenue and West Mountain Street, one a drug store and the other general merchandise. Later the drug store was moved to the corner across the railroad in the row with the other stores and their first buildings were converted into a hotel known for many years as the Mountain View Hotel. It was operated by the Ferguson family and later by the Norris sisters from South Carolina.

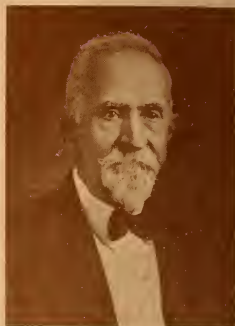
Another Edgecombe County native who came with the other five families was a young unmarried man, Bennett R. Willeford. However, he soon brought his bride, Miss Dora Bell of Harlowe Creek, North Carolina, a small town in Carteret County. Later this couple influenced Capt. W.T.R. Bell to establish his military school in Kings Mountain. Although of no blood relation, Mrs. Willeford had been a pupil of Capt. Bell in a school he conducted in her father's home after the close of the War Between the States. Mr. Willeford owned a dry goods store on the "business" street of the new town.

Other business houses that probably complete the early picture of downtown Kings Mountain were a small hotel or boarding house on the end of the business street very near the corner of present East Gold Street, owned by Mauney Brothers and operated by Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Mauney; a roller mill built by R.J.C. Love who later sold to W.A. Ware; and a small wood-working plant owned by Charles Peterson and son Henry.

All of the brick business houses have been erected since 1890, except the present Rose's Store (Mauney Brothers). The fire of 1890 wiped out all stores from the corner of Mountain Street south to the brick two-story business building. Those destroyed were Willeford's Dry Goods, Russell Howser's Grocery, the Beatty



W. A. Mauney, one of the founders of Kings Mountain and the first mayor.



J. S. Mauney, one of the founders of Kings Mountain

Millinery and Dressmaking Shop, and Cansler's Grocery. The fire was caused by lightning which struck the Willeford Building.

Other industries here before the turn of the century, but now long out of existence, were:

James W. Cornwell Buggy Factory, Ben Huff Wagon Factory, and Guthries'-Makers of Ladies Shoes

In 1888, F. Dilling, the Mauney Brothers and others built the first cotton mill, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, and thus began the industry which was to mean most in the development of the town. This mill is still in operation, but under different ownership and is known as Kings Mill. The other mills followed in this order:

Enterprise	1892
(Klotho, Mason, now Mauney)	
Dilling	1892-94

(now Burlington)  
 Cora (now Craftspun) 1900  
 Lula (now Craftspun) 1900  
 Bonnie (now Mur Glo) 1900  
 John's Manufacturing after 1900  
 (now Park Yarn)  
 Pauline 1910  
 (now Neisco Mills)  
 Margrace 1914  
 (now Neisco Mills)  
 Sadie 1920  
 (founded by D.C. Mauney)

All of these except the Sadie have changed ownership through the years.

The oldest National Bank in Cleveland County was the First National Bank of Kings Mountain. It began as the Bank of Kings Mountain in January, 1900 and received its national charter six months later on June 25th. Its first officers were: W.A. Mauney, President; J.S. Mauney, Vice-President; and R.L. Mauney, Cashier. In 1959 it merged with the First Union National Bank of Charlotte, North Carolina and now operates in Kings Mountain as a branch bank of First Union National Bancorp of North Carolina.

**The** first public school for the town was built on the site of the present Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library. It was a small one story structure used also as a place of worship before any churches were built. The first school teacher was Alex Aderholdt who taught about a dozen pupils.

After the Garrett families became located, they built a semi-private school at the home of Richard Garrett (on Gaston Street north of Kings). Miss Lucy Arrington (or Eaton) was their first teacher. A couple of years later, about 1876, Capt. William T. Reilley Bell selected Kings Mountain for the location of his military and high school, which was the little town's pride and boast until 1886.

Capt. Bell was a native of Virginia, a handsome and brilliant man, with a college degree from the University of Virginia. He had been an officer in the Confed-

eracy. His school attracted many young men from North and South Carolina and a few from at least six other states. Many of his students later became outstanding in their respective fields of endeavor. The school also offered splendid educational advantages for the local youth, both girls and boys. The site of the present Central Junior High School was the



Kings Mountain's first hotel was located on the corner of Battleground and E. Gold Street facing the railroad. It was built and operated by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney around 1874-75. The building was later rolled back to Cherokee Street.

location of his academy, and the building served as the town's public school many years after Capt. Bell discontinued his institution in 1886. It was destroyed by fire in 1910.

**The** first religious denomination to erect a church in town was the Associate Reformed Presbyterian. It was a wooden building surrounded by large cedar trees located on King Street east of Gaston. The Lutheran congregation, St. Matthews, was organized in 1876; however, its church was not built until 1879 on the site of its present new church which was erected in 1956. The first regular pastor in town was Rev. J.R. Peterson, Lutheran.

**There** were many interesting early families who lived in Kings Mountain, but I would like to give a resume of two.

The first I shall mention, and likewise the first in prominence, is the Tracy family. Dr. James Wright Tracy and his wife, Regina Minerva Stone, came to the El Bethel section after their marriage, about 1844, from Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Not only did he practice his medical profession but he was highly respected, progressive, and active in various other fields. His wife, well educated and cultured, was beloved by all. The family, through the marriage of their daughter, Nora, linked with the Durhams and Dixons; and their illustrious grandsons in more recent years have brought additional glory to their names. Robert, an educator; Plato, a noted preacher; and Stonewall, a well-known lawyer, were sons of her first marriage to Capt. Plato Durham, C.S.A. Dr. B.F. Dixon, her second husband, was one of the most outstanding citizens of this section. He enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of fifteen and in less than four years had risen to the rank of Captain. In later years he was a teacher, a medical doctor, a Methodist preacher, and a State Auditor of North Carolina. Dr. and Mrs. Dixon were parents of a daughter, Mrs. Balthis, and two noted twin sons, Capt. Ben F. Dixon, Jr., killed in World War I, and Wright Dixon.

The old Tracy home was burned but many youth of his day long remembered the beautiful old trees and the profusion of flowers, especially the daffodils in the spring, which surrounded the old home site. Tracy Street, between Mountain and Gold, with its double row of large trees, was the lane that led from the Shelby Road to the Tracy home. To the west of the lane the area was known as Tracy's Grove. Here the Kings Mountain Military School holds its commencements and had military drills which were colorful and eventful occasions for the community, young and old.

Swinging just as far as possible to the other extreme, lacking edu-



cation and culture, opposed to progress and improvements, frugal to the point of denying themselves often times the actual necessities of life, were the Parkers.

Humphrey Parker, the first member of the family about whom there is any record, had two sons and two daughters. Nicholas went to Tennessee, Sam lived in the hollow west of the last railroad depot; his maiden sisters, Nancy and Hettie, in a small house farther west. Sam was born in 1807, his wife, Martha in 1811. They reared two sons, Andrew (died in Confederate Army) and Sam, and five daughters, Nancy, Hetty, Polly, Sallie and Rachel, none of whom married. None of them departed from the ways of their forefathers, wearing home made clothing and shoes, split bonnets and aprons, using primitive methods of cooking, and never allowing any innovation to enter their lives or home. Rachel would have welcomed and enjoyed some of the comforts of life and the association with some friends. She did get glasses when her eyesight became poor, and she and her brother had one ride on the train to Charlotte. Their home consisted of two one-room houses about thirty feet apart. It was surrounded by a large pasture enclosed by a split-rail fence.

The Sam Parker Family Burying Ground is near the northwest section of the Kings Mountain Country Club Golf course. In the summer of 1970, all grave stones for his family and his two maiden sisters were legible, but most of them were sunken or broken.

**The** town of Kings Mountain was endowed with a beautiful situation nestling at the foothills of the picturesque range of mountains known as Crowders and Kings Mountain, and commanding a superb view of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distant west. In these nearby mountains rise springs of mineral waters which, in the earlier days when modes of travel were slow and uncomfortable, attracted people to



This was the second Mauney Bros. store built in 1874, and was the first brick building downtown. It was located where Rose's is today.

short trips, some seeking rest and recreation, others benefiting from the medicinal properties of the water. Two such resorts were Sparrow Springs on Kings Mountain and All Healing at the foot of Crowders. Dr. Frank Garrett was one of the promoters of the latter. Here, in the earlier days of the town, was a spacious resort hotel with swimming pool, bowling alley, and other amusements. However, as the years went by the attraction of these mountain areas changed to sites for boarding schools and mining projects for various minerals.

In 1883 a maiden lady from the north came to All Healing Springs and built a rather large structure on the mountain slopes above the springs. She had evidently studied the great need for girls of this section to acquire more education, and so she exerted her efforts to provide such an institution at this place. The property was bought from Dr. Garrett and the school supported by the Northern Presbyterian Church and projected on the self-help plan. The first name of the school was Pruden Hall, for Miss Emily Pruden, the founder. She was a woman of impressive appearance and much executive ability. After a few years she turned this school over to a Rev. Hampton in order that she might

find more fields of service. The one she chose was only a few miles away. Through the support of the American Missionary Association, an organization interested in the work among black people, she organized and opened another boarding school at the foot of Crowders Mountain. She was able to maintain this school also through the Northern Presbyterian Church. Miss Lillian Cathcart, a teacher from a northern state, gave twenty years of fruitful labor to this school known as Lincoln Academy. It was maintained as a co-educational boarding school until about 25 years ago when it was consolidated with the state school system.

After two changes in management, the All Healing School (Pruden Hall) was acquired about 1900 by Rev. A.T. Lindsay, pastor of Pisgah A.R.P. Church. The name was changed to Linwood College and it continued to do great work until 1921, when lack of funds made it necessary to close. The property was then purchased by the Greeks in this section and for a few years was used for school purposes. Now it is a barren acreage, having been burned by a forest fire.

**Ben** Briggs, the owner of more than 11,000 acres of mountain land in the 1840's was en-

gaged in iron mining. The ore bank was the section known as Yellow Ridge extending from Kings Mountain toward Crowders Mountain. His vast forest provided the wood for the charcoal necessary in the iron smelter he operated near the foot of Crowders Mountain and near Old Pisgah Church. A large number of men were engaged in this work. Mr. Briggs maintained a saloon and commissary for his employees and others at a site which about 25 years later was within the town limits of Kings Mountain near the middle of the block now enclosed by Ridge, Gaston, King, and Carpenter Streets. This location was chosen probably because it was on the old post road from Lincoln County to Charleston, South Carolina.

Imbedded in the rocks of the nearby mountains, besides the iron, there has been found an untold variety of mineral wealth: limestone, mica, kaolin, feldspar, tin and gold. In more recent years others have been discovered which have given impetus to the development of the community.

**Antedating** the beginning of Kings Mountain town and



Carpenter Brothers store opened in 1874. A few years later they moved to this building - the only original brick building still standing downtown (Phifer Hardware). L to R: A. P. and M. M. Carpenter.

linking with its early history is the story of gold mining.

Gold was accidentally discovered by Mrs. Briggs when she dipped a bucket of water from the spring near her home. Upon analysis it was found to be the finest grade of gold ore.

Mr. Briggs was the first operator of the gold mine. Working with him was a Mr. Langford, a foreigner, who made the bucket that pulled first gold ore from the ground. Logan Huffstetler from the Oak Grove community "ironed" the bucket. This mining was done without machinery by the method known as "horse whim". Unable to finance the expensive operation, Mr. Briggs released his claims to others, and in the early 60's entered the Confederate Army as an officer. After the war, he did not return to North Carolina.

Although the Kings Mountain Gold Mine changed ownership and management many times until 1895, its operation on a large scale was almost continuous. Since then no mining other than tribute work has been done. This has been profitable to individuals doing this work, they receiving 9/10 of the gold panned. It has been estimated that during its active period the mine yielded \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 in gold; however, it was not considered profitable for large companies due to the enormous expense of operation. Most of the gold taken from this mine was marketed at the U.S. Mint in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Many of the promoters were Englishmen, among whom being Messrs. Beckworth, Macy, Richardson, Dorsey, Coolidge, Horton, and Talcott. The Richardson to Horton period was the most colorful and flourishing. Under Mr. Richardson's management, a large two-story boarding house and a thirty-room apartment for families were built. As is

characteristic of all mining communities, a carefree atmosphere prevailed. Wages and capital alike were lavishly spent for amusements and gratification of desires. A livery stable with fine saddle horses, and a bar-room and supply store were profitable to those who operated them nearby. At the peak of activity more than 200 people, including the families, were directly connected with the mining.

Mr. Coolidge of Philadelphia seems to have been one of the most successful operators. Following him was Mr. Horton, perhaps the greatest visionary of all. He had dreams of untold wealth hidden in the gold veins beneath the earth. In anticipation of what he expected to receive, he spent from \$30,000 to \$40,000 in building another larger stamp mill, in constructing a railroad to carry ore from the shafts to the mills, and on various other improvements. Consequently, when he found shafts and excavations inadequate, he had no more funds to carry on.

**Tin** was first discovered within the town of Kings Mountain. A student of the Kings Mountain Military School, boarding at the home of Capt. Bell, whose home was at the corner of what is now Gaston and Mountain Streets, found a rock containing tin ore in the yard. A Mr. Ledoux opened the first prospects in the southwest section of town in 1888-1889. Some years later a snappy old Englishman-Professor Furman, in Prince Albert coat and high silk hat, came with his family to prospect and promote tin mining. In 1907 came the Blue Ridge Tin Corporation, owned by the Fosters of West Virginia. They opened the Parker Mine located west of the Piedmont Street crossing of the Southern Railway. The shaft which they sunk has now crumbled and the large wooden mill has decayed, so now all that remains is a sunken hole of



rubbish and rock in a thick growth of new trees. There were occasional efforts at tin mining south of town on Weir, Plonk, and Creighton properties but they did not prove profitable.

However, the prospecting done at these and nearby places has led to the discovering and mining of various other valuable ores.

**The** story of the Co-operative Colonization Society, Teutonia, incorporated in North Carolina with 100 shares capital, July 16, 1885, Bernhardt Hang, President, and Charles Rienack, Treasurer, may not be familiar to many citizens of Kings Mountain, even the older ones. This was a colony of German people formed in Philadelphia for the purpose of settling on new lands in the South to farm and establish industry.

Mr. Brantly, a Swiss School Teacher, came to find a location and he selected the mountain land from the location of the Old Mountain View Mill over Crowders Mountain to Yellow Ridge and toward Kings Mountain. This tract comprising some 4000 acres was acquired from the Garrett, Baker, and Dilling interests, though in about four years it reverted to the original owners because of the failure of the colony. Failure was due to the fact that the country was not thickly populated enough to support industries, and also, that the colonists were not practical farmers. They had wild schemes for the development of their colony, for instance, a car line from Crowders Mountain to Kings Mountain town. They planned to level the mountains to facilitate farming. One reporter from the North, mistaking the green pines for grass, said the mountains would be pasture land all winter. While some of these Germans became discouraged and returned to the North, others availed themselves of better land and locations and settled here permanently, their descendants being among the most substantial farmers and citizens in our midst.



Employees of the Enterprise Cotton Mill around 1896.

Best known of these colonists were (1) Mr. Rockley, a stone cutter, and for a time president of the colony. Leaving Kings Mountain he went to Atlanta and took a construction job in the Atlanta Constitution Building. (2) Mr. Brantly, the Swiss School teacher, worked at the gold mine and later was superintendent of dairy farms near Chester, South Carolina and Charlotte, North Carolina (3) Mr. Bittzer, a woolen weaver, who originally had been a member of Amona German So-

cietiy in Iowa, bought land for a home at the foot of Crowders Mountain near All Healing Springs. He owned a large vineyard and much land which after his death passed to his stepson, William Hirm. The Richaels and Pflums were silk weavers. (4) The Richaels left the colony and bought a farm from W.A. Mauney east of the present Kings Mountain radio station. (5) The Pflums settled on Kings Mountain near Sparrow Springs. Their descendants lived in the same sec-



Inside the Enterprise Mill around 1896. L to R: Unknown, Jessie Williams, George P. Barber.



tion. (6) Mr. Meier, the shoemaker, moved to town and operated a shop, but later bought a farm. His descendants all removed to the Belmont, North Carolina area.

Among those who did not remain in the South were the Jacobsons and Kramers, makers of rag carpets in many shapes and patterns; the Kuhns and the Aimes.

**Having** the name of the famous Revolutionary battle has brought recognition and distinction to Kings Mountain that otherwise it would not have enjoyed. Patriotic from the earliest days, its citizens have participated in many celebrations of the battle, beginning with the Centennial in 1880 and continuing till the Sesquicentennial in 1930.

Several elaborate celebrations have been staged on the battlefield (1880-1909-1930) but it has proven more convenient and satisfactory to hold the festivities in town since many anniversaries have been observed with parades, pagentry and public speaking. These have drawn many thousands of people and such well known speakers as Senator Folk of Missouri in 1911, William Jennings Bryan in 1912, Senator Copeland of New York in 1923, Senator George of Georgia in 1925, President Herbert Hoover in 1930, and others.

At the time of the 1880 Centennial, travel was not easy, but



Plonk, Kiser Mercantile Co. was founded in 1899, and is still operating under the Plonk family.



W. O. Ware and son, W. A. Ware, opened a grist and saw mill in K. M. in 1882. In 1889 a cotton gin was added. It originated in 1870 on Per-simmons Creek about 6 miles from Kings Mountain.

many people from some distance attended. The newly built railroad stopped its passenger trains south of town at the intersection of the Grover and Battleground road, and all the visitors were transported from there to the battlefield in horse-drawn hacks provided and driven by citizens of Kings Mountain. The big event of the 1909 celebration was the unveiling of the United States government monument which stands on the approximate site of the bloodiest fighting. Many dignitaries from many states attended, one of whom was our own Congressman, Hon. E.Y. Webb, who largely deserves the credit of having the ninety foot shaft erected and the area made a U.S. Military Park. The most unique of these celebrations was in the 80's when a huge United States Flag was raised on the pinnacle of Kings Mountain. The speaking and festivities were held about one mile west of the present Lake Montonia in a clearing of the gold mine tract.

The various activities described above have been compelling forces in the growth of the business and social life of our community. In the "good old days" of the 80's and 90's, the town was a bustling center during weekends when folks from the countryside came to lay in supplies for the days ahead. Jostling elbows with the Scotch Irish and Pennsylvania Dutch settlers were the newcomers, some adventurous English miners, some plain homely

Germans who still spoke German, some dignified educators from the North. In times of celebration there were added to this concourse of people visitors of every rank and file of society from far and near, all of whom have left some imprint upon the life and manners of the town.

**So** we see as we turn these pages of history, many faces have come and gone, many interesting events have taken place in connection with the development of Kings Mountain. Most of us can turn our thoughts backward in reminiscence, some seeing much further than others, but all far enough to realize that through the years we have had a steady growth—industrially, socially, culturally, and spiritually.

While we gaze in retrospect upon the toilers and builders of the first years of our town, let us not close our eyes and minds to what has taken place in the years since 1920.

The same trend has carried on in our pattern of progress. Newcomers with varied and numerous talents have brought new industries and institutions and are contributing their means and efforts toward further development here.

What We, old residents and newcomers, make of the Present, will determine what the Future is to be. May we prove worthy of our heritage, and all move forward together for a greater and better Kings Mountain.

## WE REMEMBER YESTERDAY



Battleground Avenue looking south from the Mountain St. corner, showing the Freight Depot and the Town Well. Latter 1870's

Battleground Avenue around 1918. The Arthur Hay Insurance Agency was upstairs in the corner bank building. This insurance agency was established by Lewis T. Hay in 1883, and was one of the first in the South. It was continuously operated by this family until 1971.



1902: From railroad looking East on Mountain St. Nina Hunter (Thompson) with Rob and Dick.

Downtown corner showing installation of electricity around 1909.



South side of Mountain St. looking toward Mountain View Hotel. Around 1910.



Downtown Mountain Street in 1915. The street was paved in 1919.





Art and Jewelry Store - 1908



Cash and Carry Grocery Store on Mountain ST. in 1924. Behind Candy Counter L to R: M. L. Houser, Joe Foster, LeRhyne Houser. Cake and cookies (shown on left) were sold by the pound. Total business receipts were approximately \$900 per month.



The first charter to be issued to a bank in Cleveland County was to The First National Bank in Kings Mountain in 1900. It was organized primarily through the Mauney interests with W. A. Mauney as its first president. L. to R.: Dave H. Rudisill, W. P. Fulton, R. L. Mauney.



Mauney Bros. store in 1901. Miss Ida Plonk in window. L to R: R. L. Mauney, D. C. Mauney, Mr. Pool, Joe Falls, Al Dover, and Deputy Sheriff Sanders.

# CHURCHES

## Central United Methodist Church 113 S. Piedmont Avenue

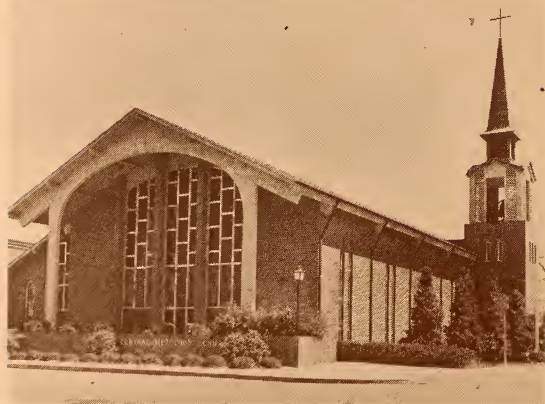
In the early 1870's, I. Walton Garrett and family, Richard Garrett and family, Captain and Mrs. R.S. Sugg, and Bennett R. Willeford came from Edgecombe County to make their home in this sparsely-settled village. They bought property and erected their homes and store buildings. The Garretts operated a general merchandise store; while Captain Sugg ran a drug-store. The Garretts also bought large tracts of nearby mountain land.

These new-comers attended services at El Bethel, the nearest church of the Methodist denomination. Since they were establishing permanent homes, they saw the necessity for a church in their immediate locality, and an organization was affected early in 1874. Services were held in the small frame school house located where Mauney Memorial Library now stands.

In 1876 this small group completed their own one-room frame building on the corner of Piedmont and Mountain Streets. The second building was erected in 1905, and the present one in 1967 on the same site.

Charter members, other than the ones mentioned above, were Dr. and Mrs. James Wright Tracy, pioneer settlers who up to that time had been members of El Bethel Church.

The Reverend R. Paschal Waugh is the present minister.



Central United Methodist Church

Kings Mountain has always been a church oriented town. The oldest known church in the area, located near Crowder's Mountain, is Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church which was organized in 1796.

Other old churches in the area are: El Bethel United Methodist, which was begun in 1812 and met in homes or in a "Brush Arber" until 1832 when they erected their first building—Dr. and Mrs. J.W. Tracy became members of this church in approximately 1850; Antioch Baptist, in the K.M. Battleground area, was established in 1813; Bethlehem Baptist was organized in 1842.



## Boyce Memorial Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church Edgemont Road

Robert Falls gave the land on East King Street just east of Gaston for the building of an Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1876. At the same time he gave 25 acres of land for the town of Kings Mountain to build on, and also an acre of land for a cemetery (Mountain Rest).

The first ruling elders were: W.O. Ware, I. Boyce Falls, W. Boyce Weir, J.T. McGill, Captain Freno Dilling and William White.

In 1898 a larger brick building was erected on the corner of King and Piedmont, and a Parsonage was built next door.

When the congregation outgrew this second building in 1962, it moved to a 4½ acre site on Edgemont and erected a Fellowship Hall and Educational Building. They are now in the process of building the sanctuary pictured above.

The church was named for Rev. Ebenezer Erskine Boyce, a beloved pastor of the early days.

Dr. Charles E. Edwards is the present minister.



# FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

There are approximately 50 churches of various denominations covering all major faiths which serve this area. Other churches besides those pictured who sent information are: Grace United Methodist, established in approximately 1850; Oak Grove Baptist, established in 1897; First Wesleyan-1899; David Baptist 1938; East Gold Street Wesleyan-1945; Temple Baptist-1945; Carson Memorial Baptist-1952; First Congregational United Church of Christ (this church was an outgrowth of Lincoln Academy, a Black school established in 1888.) Black families helping to get this school started were: Wesley Wellman, Willie Roberts, Jefferson Alexander, Titus Whitworth, Wesley Mauney, and the McNair, Torrence and Clark families.



**Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church**  
210 N. Piedmont Avenue

Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church had a humble beginning when a small band of settlers came to this area to put down its roots. When these settlers arrived, they had not only their brooms in their hands but also their Bibles. Among those known to have been dedicated to the establishment of Lutheranism in "The Historical City" were: P.S. Baker, M.M. Carpenter, A.P. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Mauney, Mrs. M.S. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mauney, Mrs. J.J. Mauney, Mr. and Mrs. L.A. McAllister, Mrs. Catherine McAllister, and Mrs. Mag S. Mauney.

The initial services for what later was to be Saint Matthew's, named for the first Gospel, were conducted in 1874 in a school where the Mauney Memorial Library now stands. Two years later, 1876, the congregation was formally organized.

The nave of the present church is gothic in style, having been patterned after a Swedish Cathedral. The Reverend Robert E. Allen is the present pastor.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
111 E. King Street

The Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain was established with eighteen members in 1884 with the Reverend E.P. Davis as pastor. During early years services were held one Sunday a month in A.R.P. and Methodist Church buildings.

In 1887 a building was erected at the corner of King Street and Railroad Avenue with a manse close by. This was followed in 1906 by a new building at the corner of King Street and Piedmont Avenue, and in 1917 by a new manse at King and Carpenter Streets. Pastors were shared by Long Creek, Shiloh, Hepzibah and Bessemer City churches until 1919 when a fulltime pastor was called by the 94 members.

In 1936, Mrs. C.E. Neisler gave a lot with a house suitable for a manse at the corner of King and Gaston Streets. A new church was erected and dedicated in 1937 with a membership of 301. In 1951 the old house was torn down and a modern home built on the site. The same year a recreation building was added.

The Reverend Gary L. Bryant is the present minister.



**First Presbyterian Church**

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**First Baptist Church**  
605 W. King Street

In 1890, three ladies, Mrs. Frances Lou Smith Cornwell (the first Baptist to move to Kings Mountain), Mrs. J.T. Kendrick, and Mrs. A.P. Carpenter were instrumental in beginning this church. It was started with thirteen men and an undetermined number of women.

The first building was a white frame with steeple on the southwest corner of Mountain and Piedmont Streets. John H. Craig of Gastonia donated the land.

First Baptist has occupied several different buildings through the years. At one time in 1914 the first service in a new auditorium was held with all persons standing due to the absence of the pews not yet installed.

First Baptist moved to the present location in 1960, and in 1973 a fellowship and activities building was completed.



**New Bynum Chapel AME Zion Church**  
North Cansler Street

It was during the late 1880's when Camp Meetings and Brush Arbors were highly valued by slaves that a Rev. Mr. Bynum conceived the idea of a religious meeting place in the southern part of historical Kings Mountain. Because of his pastorate at Vestibule AME Zion Church, Old Bynum Chapel became Vestibule's offspring, holding its first meetings in a Brush Arbor.

This Brush Arbor was replaced with a frame structure, and in 1899 this building was destroyed and rebuilt. Some years later this old church was sold.

In 1954, under the able leadership of Rev. William J. Campbell, the new church was completed and dedicated.

The Rev. John W. Holmes is the present pastor.



**Mount Zion Baptist Church**  
N. Watterson Street

The first Mount Zion Church was located on Piedmont Avenue opposite the present Kings Mountain Herald building.

In the early 1900's the church was built in the present location, and in the 1920's the third building went up in the same location. Construction on a new church began on October 17, 1973 but is incomplete at this date.

Some of the first congregation were: J.J. Cauldwell, R.P. Hopper, Thomas Hopper, Mary Watts, Eva Hopper, Nancy Threat, Betty McCade Haney, Nancy Cauldwell, Lloyd Blanton.

Rev. J.S. Noriss is the present pastor.



**Resurrection Lutheran Church**  
912 Crescent Circle

Resurrection Lutheran Church was organized in 1951, an outgrowth of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church. The first pastor was The Reverend Vance Daniel. Other officers were: Paul McGinnis, Sr., Laney Detmar, Herbert Mitcham, and Dorus L. Bennett.

This church has shown much growth through the years, an Education Building was added about five years ago.

The present minister is Rev. Glenn A. Boland.



**Kings Mountain Baptist Church**  
101 W. Mountain Street

The Kings Mountain Baptist Church, originally a part of the First Baptist Church and retaining that church building, was organized in December of 1958 by the minority membership who were descendants of the founders of the original First Baptist.

The church has grown steadily under several different pastors. The edifice has been completely renovated and air-conditioned, and a large parsonage has been constructed.



**Christ The King Catholic Church**  
103 N. Piedmont Avenue

This church building and manse were purchased from Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1961. The first priest was Fr. Thomas Clements.

The first officers of the church were Bobby Early as organist; Thomas Davison, chairman of the parish board; Mrs. Carl Wilson, head of religious education; Carl Wilson, in charge of maintenance. Other officers were John Bedford and Maurice Dodge.

For two years prior to the purchase of the property, the Catholics of the town met at the American Legion.



Seven years after the Civil War (1872), a group of 150 U. S. Cavalymen, who had been camping on the Courthouse Square in Shelby, came into Bethlehem Churchyard and broke up the Baptist Association which was in session there.



A building much like this was the first school in Kings Mountain proper. It was located where Mauney Memorial Library is today. Several different churches met here until they could establish buildings of their own.

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# EDUCATION IN KINGS MOUNTAIN

In 1874, education in Kings Mountain really began. Two schools were used during the early period. One, a one-room building located on Gaston Street, just south of the present home of Paul Neisler, Jr., was built by the Garrett family with Miss Lucy Arrington as the first teacher. The other school, a two-room building on the corner of King Street and Piedmont Avenue, now the location of Mauney Memorial Library, had Mr. Alex Aderholdt as the first teacher followed by Mr. Gaff Logan.

Captain William T. Reilley Bell opened a school in 1876 with an enrollment of eighteen. The same year the citizens of the town erected a two-story frame building on the present site of Central School. When the school began to grow, a wing was added to the building. In 1878, a military feature was added, and another addition to the building became necessary.

Also, in 1878, the school was changed from the Kings Mountain Military School to the public high school of the town of Kings Mountain. Captain Bell was the principal.

There were no textbooks. Instead, students were required to recite lessons from memory. On Fridays, spelling matches were held. Failure to learn lessons resulted in students staying after school.

From 1887 to 1905, the school was financed on the tuition basis. Students were not required to attend. Reference books were not provided, and any available books were privately owned. Students bought their books for about ten dollars a year.

School was in operation for only three months, and the daily schedule was from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teachers were few, and the number of courses limited. Pupils were not divided into grades but gathered in one large group for instructions.

In 1905, the school was changed to a graded school. Professor S.W. Carlier was the first superintendent. Each room was heated by a crude, wood-burning heater. Double desks added fun for the pupils but brought disciplinary problems to the teachers. At the front of the room were long benches for recitation. Slates were used for writing lessons.

In 1910, the trustees erected a two-story red brick building trimmed in gray granite. This building contained a music room, office, and eight classrooms on the first floor and four classrooms and auditorium on the second floor. This building later burned on November 14, 1932.



Capt. Bell's Military Academy

Revue of troops at Bell's Military Academy







Old Central School

Just prior to and during the First World War, the school was organized into nine grades with eight teachers. The school term had been extended to eight months. There were no extra-curricular activities. Emphasis was on knowledge of the lesson rather than on outside activities.

Superintendents that followed Professor S.W. Carlier during this period were S.J. Hunnicutt (1908-1909); Miss Bryte Baker (1909-1910); J.Y. Irvin (1910-1911); E.A. Harrill (1911-1912); Professor Cox (1913-1914); R.A. Yoder (1914-1915); Frank Orr (1916-1917); Miss Bonnie Mauney, now Mrs. F.R. Summers (1917-1918); Rev. J.E. Berryhill (1918-1919); and Theron Allen (1919-1920).

In 1919, the trustees purchased a lot on North Watterson Street and West Mountain Street and erected a one-story brick building containing an auditorium and seven classrooms. This building was named West End School.

Under the leadership of Superintendent F.C. Nye (1920-23) and Supt. J.Y. Irvin (1923-27), progress was made. The high school was accredited by the North Carolina State Dept. of Education in 1920. The following year the eleventh grade was added, and the attic was finished to serve as a homeroom for seniors. This room was heated by a coal stove while the rest of the school was heated by a steam plant.

In 1924, the auditorium was converted into four classrooms, and the attic was used for storage. Also, the Rudisill property was purchased for the erection of an auditorium and eight classrooms that later became a primary department.



New Junior High School

Trustees purchased property on North Watterson Street and Parker Street in 1925 for a one-story brick building later named Davidson School. This school, formerly used by the Blacks, is now the Administration Building for the Kings Mountain District.

Mr. Claud Grigg was named superintendent of Kings Mountain Schools in 1927, and Mr. B.N. Barnes became the first high school principal. Mr. Barnes succeeded Mr. Grigg as superintendent and held that position until 1967 at which time Mr. Donald D. Jones, the present superintendent, was elected.

East End School property on Cleveland Avenue was purchased in 1929. A one-story brick building with auditorium and ten classrooms was erected on this site.

When a part of Central School burned in 1932, high school students used East School one-half of the day and elementary students used it the other half. The new Central School building was completed in 1933.

During the next few years, the school curriculum became more varied with the addition of band, home economics, physical education, and other courses. Athletics featuring basketball, football, and baseball were part of school life, although at first they were financed by "passing the hat".

The 30's brought more changes. A gymnasium was built at Central School, and a cafeteria program was started, sponsored first by the Central PTA and later funded by the WPA lunch room program. The high school band was organized in 1935 under the direction of Paul E. Hendricks, now a doctor in Kings Mountain.

Progress was steady throughout the next few decades. One big addition was the twelfth grade in 1942. North Elementary School was built in 1956. Lower grades were moved away from Central School, and gradually this building housed the upper grades only.

Consolidation of Kings Mountain Schools with Grover, Park Grace, Compact, and Bethware Schools took place in 1961. Six years later, the school system was completely desegregated. There was one big high school, Kings Mountain High, operating in a new building on Phifer Road. This building was ready for use in 1965 and accommodated grades 9th through 12th.

The voters approved a 2.5 million dollar bond issue in 1972, giving the system a new Junior High, now under construction on Phifer Road, Barnes Auditorium adjacent to Kings Mountain High, additions to West and East Schools, and many other renovations and repairs to buildings in this district.

Thus, 1974 truly marks a century of educational progress in Kings Mountain.

School principals serving in 1974 are as follows: Bethware—Mr. Evan J. Evans; Central—Mr. Larry Allen; Childhood Education Center—Mr. Don Parker; East—Mr. Connie Allison; Grover—Mr. J.C. Scruggs; Junior High—Mr. Fred Withers; Kings Mountain High—Mr. J. C. Atkinson; North—Mr. Richard Greene; West—Mr. Joe C. Hedden.



1974 K.M.H.S. Marching Band





Kings Mountain High School



Compact School

### HISTORY OF COMPACT SCHOOL

The first session of Compact School was held in 1872 before North Carolina had started its public school system. Twelve Negro fathers wanted their children to have the chance to become educated leaders. They met and talked several times reaching a definite decision—they must hire a teacher and have a school of their own.

Peter Forney donated the land on which to build the school. The interested fathers worked for more than two weeks building the school, making seats and a long writing desk for the children. Then they went out to find a teacher. Mr. Hill Culp, a crippled man, was well educated and willing to teach, if a salary of \$25 per month be provided. These twelve men formed a com-

mittee and drew up a Compact to contribute 2½ bushels of wheat or \$2.50 a month for the teacher's support.

Chairman of the committee was Peter Forney. Other members were Caleb Roberts, H. Hinton, George Roberts, Gilbert Ware, Miles Tracy, Isaac Patterson, Abe Roberts, Berry Webber, Dan Blalock, James Clark and Abe Jackson.

In 1940 Compact School became a state accredited high school with L.L. Adams as principal. It operated for 25 years graduating more than 500 students. Compact again served as an elementary school from 1966 until 1969 when an Early Childhood Education Center was established there.



Don Parker and children at Early Childhood Development Center

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# HEARTHS & HOMES



**The Gilbert Dixon Hambricht House**  
523 S. Battleground Avenue  
C. 1785

This house had its origin as a pioneer two-roomed house of hand-hewn logs and was built in approximately 1785. It was one of the first buildings in the wilderness territory which was later to become known as White Plains and then Kings Mountain. At one time it was used for a school as families began to settle in the area around 1840.

In 1871 Boyce Falls moved this house a few yards and made it into a two-story dwelling. In 1890 G.D. Hambricht purchased the house and moved it slightly again to make way for a road, and did extensive remodeling.

The colonial house of Georgian style with its twin chimneys and hipped roof is constructed mostly of wooden pegs and hand-made nails. The original two rooms are incorporated into the house as it stands today. The brick in the courtyard is over a century old and was handmade on the Hambricht farm.

The house is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Patrick, (Mary Helen Hambricht). At the present time the home is being renovated by the Patricks and is not yet completed.



**Kings Mountain's Oldest Unchanged House**  
104 N. Battleground Avenue  
1873

The small white frame dwelling located east of the old overhead bridge has the distinction of being the oldest unchanged house in Kings Mountain. It was built in 1873 by W.A. Mauney who with his brother, Jacob, came here to establish homes and a mercantile business.

At first the building consisted of only the two-story portion and it was from this that the business was operated.

The Charlotte-Atlanta Airline Railway was under construction at the time. This was the impetus for other families moving into the community—than known as White Plains. As the population increased, business prospered and in 1874, Mauney Brothers Store moved to a new and larger location at the present site of Rose's Store.

The house was then turned, an ell added at the rear, and the original building was thus converted into a four-room dwelling.

**The I. W. Garrett House**  
100 N. Piedmont Avenue  
1874

At left is the house built by I.W. Garrett in 1874. It was bought by his grandson, Charles A. Dilling, in 1890 and remodeled to its present state.

The house is still being occupied by the Dilling family, and is now the home of Percy Dilling and his sister, Mrs. Nell W. Grimes.





**The Sugg House**  
118 N. Piedmont Avenue  
C. 1874

This house was built by Captain R.S. Sugg around 1874. Captain Sugg came to Cleveland County in the early 1870's from Edgecomb County, and was a charter member of Central Methodist Church. He operated a drug store where Joy Theatre is now located.

The house has been remodeled through the years and owned by several different families. At present it is the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Plonk, Jr.



**The W.A Mauney Home**  
106 N. Battleground Avenue  
1877

William Andrew Mauney, one of the founders of Kings Mountain, came here from Gaston County in 1872 and purchased two acres of land. It consisted of the northern portion of the block bounded by Piedmont and Battleground Avenues, King and Ridge Streets.

In 1877 he built his residence near the middle of the block facing Battleground Avenue. Huge timbers of virgin pine which are still well preserved formed the framework. Representative in architecture of many rural Southern homes of the period, it was a two-story frame structure with hipped roof and balustrated portico extending across the front. There were two rooms downstairs and two upstairs separated by a hallway. An extension at the rear served as dining room and kitchen. To provide heat, fireplaces were built in every room.

Various additions and alterations have been made over the years. These have changed the appearance of the house, but the high ceilings, some of the original flooring made of seven inch heart pine, and several handhewn doors put together with wooden pegs are evidences of the age of the structure.

The house has been occupied continuously by members of Mr. Mauney's family. It is now the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J.E. Herndon.



**The Jacob S. Mauney House**  
107 N. Piedmont Avenue  
C. 1877

At left is the original white clapboard house built by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Mauney, another one of the pioneer families, around 1877. It has been renovated several times during the years to its present state.

The house has been continuously occupied by members of this family. It is the present home of Mrs. Vera Mauney Cooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cooper.





**The Second Dilling House**  
614 N. Piedmont Avenue  
C. 1888

Captain Freno Dilling built this house (at right) around 1888. He and members of his family are posing in front of the house. It has been renovated extensively since this and is now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mauney.



**The W.O. Ware House**  
206 W. Gold Street  
1882

This house (at left) was built on Gold Street just west of the railroad in 1882 by W.O. Ware (Weer or Weir) at the same time he built the one-story roller mill across the street from his house. It remains essentially the same as when it was built.

It has been continuously occupied by members of the Ware family—being the home of Miss Ava Ware at the present time.



**The First Dilling House**  
112 N. Piedmont Avenue

Captain Freno Dilling built this house sometime between 1872 and 1881. The records are unclear. The house has been remodeled by several different families, and is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scharf.

Captain Dilling's granddaughter, Mrs. Nina Hunter Thompson, says, "Once when it was being worked on I was amazed at the type of sturdy timber that went into the construction. I was told that five wells were dug before they found water. At one time there was a windmill, but I don't remember it. In my day there was an extensive bulb garden in the back..."



C. 1878 The first known brick house in the Kings Mountain area was on Bethlehem Road where Phifer dead-ends. It was built by George C. Herndon and had a French Mansard slate roof with Masonic emblems carved above the upstairs windows. This house was the birthplace of three well-known Kings Mountain citizens, two of them mayors: M. E., P. D. and J. E. Herndon. It was razed in the 1960's.

A carved stone set above the doorway of this "Old Rock House" shows that it was built in 1803 by Henry and Jane Houser, ancestors of many Kings Mountain people. The house is located on the grounds of the Kings Mountain National Military Park and is due to be restored.



Present post office site, former M. M. Carpenter home.

*This page given in memory of*

MR. AND MRS. A.P. CARPENTER  
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MR. F. MILTON FRYER  
by Mrs. Hazel Herndon Fryer

# REMINISCENCES



Mrs. E. L. Campbell

Robert Falls, (my great-grandfather, and his family), the Parker family, and one other family whose name I do not remember, were the first families settled in what is now the City of Kings Mountain.

My great-frandfather's home was located where McGinnis Furniture is today.

Over a hundred years ago the railroad tried to get a right of way through Shelby, but was turned down. Next they came to this area. My great-grandfather held title to the land where they wanted a right of way. At first he rejected their proposal. It wasn't until after an old friend of his from Gastonia came to talk to him did he relent and sell the railroad a right of way.

Afterwards Falls sold 25 acres for a dollar an acre for the building site of what was to become the town. About the same time he donated an acre of land for a cemetery, reserving a plot for himself and family.

On the south side of E. King St. Falls also donated land for the A.R.P. Church.

When the gold mine was in operation, this area was like the wild and woolly west. There was a barroom on York Road, near the York and Lake Montonia Roads fork.

I heard my grandmother talk about the old academy that used to be here. Captain Bell ran the academy and he lived on the corner of E. Mountain and S. Gaston Streets.

There were many things told to me about this area when I was a very young girl. I only wish that I had had the interest then to learn more about it.

*Janie Jackson*

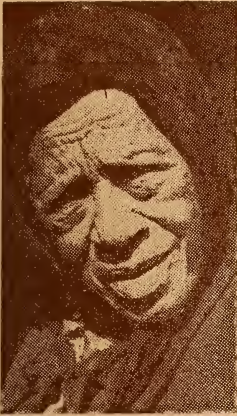
I am the daughter of Eliza Starnes McGill and Vatch McGill. I was born on the Ellison Creek in York County on the farm of Le Roy Adams McGill known as "Lee", and Mattie McGill. My father was raised by her until her death—he was 14 years old at the time. He left and went to Rock Hill. He married Eliza Starnes at age 14. She was 15. He worked as a quarter farmer for several years.

I, Maggie McGill, was 6 years old when we moved to Kings Mountain. At that time there was a tannery at K.M. Cemetery site. We carried water from the spring in the tannery. We lived on the hill in the middle of what is now Mountain Rest Cemetery—near the Gold Street entrance.

Downtown there were wooden stores, and a big public well in front of where First National Bank stood. My Daddy was a butcher at Bumgardner's Store. The slaughter pen was located off Gold Street near where Landing Street is now. There was a colored Presbyterian Church near the present Herald Office.

*Mrs. Maggie McGill Fulton*





Aunt Nancy Adams, who was born a slave in 1833 of full African parentage, celebrated her 115th birthday in 1948.



Mr. George Patterson, former slave, farmer, miner and owner of a 200 acre plantation in the Compact Community, celebrated his 101th birthday in 1954 but died later that year.

There was a city ordinance that no coca-colas could be sold on Sundays. However, many of the men who came downtown for a shoeshine by Don Benix or Abe Bryant before church would slip into the back of the drug store and get a coke. The shoeshine and the coke were 5¢ each.

Frank Watterson ran a general store across from Bob Tribble's barbershop. You could get enough candy for a nickel to last all week. Henkle McGinnis had a tin shop nearby. Henkle was one of the best square dancers in town. His wife could dance too!

I remember in early days before the streets were paved they would have T-Model races up Mountain St. from the railroad tracks. The trick of the race was to speed up and catch as many hanging rings that had been strung up as possible.

Charlie Dilling was the first man to put electricity in his home. My Dad was the second. That was probably around 1908. Street lighting came later, and it was a risk to walk on those dark, unpaved streets.

It's a different town today, I can tell you!

*N. A. McVell, Sr.*

We moved into town from our farm in 1906 when I was about 15 years old. I remember there were two town wells along the railroad track where the farmers watered their horses. They were covered with a shed at that time.

Charlie Littlejohn had a tent on Mountain St. about where Dellinger's is now where he sold popcorn, peanuts and milk shakes. Of course he had to shake them by hand then. When the peanuts were ready, he had a little machine that whistled. I can hear it yet.

We lived on E. King St. and Joe Garrett had a woodworking shop right across the street from us. There were cotton fields, pastures and woods for the most part.

I had a lot of odd jobs in those schoolboy days. One was driving the traveling salesmen who came in on the train around to the different stores in town, in Grover and Bessemer City, in a horse and buggy. I made \$3.00 a week doing this. The salesmen would take orders then ship the goods later by train. When the merchandise arrived at the freight station, Billy Le Richeux and John Hayes would deliver it to the stores in their one-horse dray wagons.

"Papa (B.R. Willeford) built our house (308 W. Mountain St.) before 1880 and it cost \$900. Of course it has been remodeled and added to since then. When I was a girl there were only a few houses this side of the railroad track, the rest was open country. We could look across to Dr. Dixon's and Dr. Tracy's on Gold Street and know if they were at home according to whether or not the horse was tied up in front of the house.

I went to school in the Pressley home which was located where Mrs. E.W. Griffin's house is now. Miss Madge Pressley taught some of us in one room of the home. Later on when I was old enough I walked to the old school where Central is now.

My husband was the first Fire Chief in Kings Mountain. At first the men used a "Hand Truck"—the hose was rolled up by hand. When the city finally got a new Fire Truck and put it in King's Garage, the building next door caught on fire and the men were frantic their new truck would burn before they got it out!"

*Estelle Willeford King*



K. M. High School graduating class of 1910. L to R front row: Kate McKay, Johnny Ramsour, Second Row: Estelle Willeford, Lina Allison, Ethel Plonk, May Plonk, Edith Fulton; Teacher: Theron Allen.

"When I married Fred and moved to Kings Mountain in 1912, we lived for two years at Mountain View Hotel. The streets were muddy roads in those days, lined with trees.

The hotel was run by two maiden ladies—Misses Agnes and Emma Norris. Miss Agnes was the business manager and kept everything in ram-rod shape. I was a little bit afraid of her. Once when Fred was sick and couldn't go to the dining room, I slipped across the street to the little grocery on the opposite corner and brought something back to him. Miss Agnes would have given me something for him I suppose, but I was afraid to ask!

The food at the hotel was excellent, and well-known in the county. All the business men up and down the main street used to eat their noonday dinner with Miss Agnes. When it was ready, she would send the waiter, John Jackson, out on the front porch to ring the bell for them. Even the train employees would ask that trays be sent to them on the train.

Once a stranger passing through town stopped and asked Miss Agnes if she had heat in the hotel. Miss Agnes indignantly replied, "Of course we have heat! Each room has a laundry heater, and we have fireplaces in the Dining Room AND the Drawing Room!"

The bathroom facilities were located in a small brick building to the rear of the hotel not far from the Neal's barn.

The Misses Norris ran this hotel for 36 years, and it became a meeting place for many civic clubs and "the" place for families to dine on Sundays."

*Belle Miller Frazier*

My father is John H. Jackson who worked for over 40 years at the old Mountain View Hotel. Many will remember that among his duties was ringing the dinner bell on the big front porch. He also took trays onto the trains. The price of dinner was 35¢. He was active in his church, several Civic clubs and was a Mason.

My mother, Ida Jackson, did housework about town, and I started doing that too. But some of the ladies I worked for told me I was smart and should go on to school. With their encouragement, I did go on and finish high school. After that I went to visit a college president and persuaded him to let me come there to school and pay him back afterwards. He agreed. In this way I was able to get a teacher's degree. I was proud of the fact that I did all this on my own and did not expect anyone to hand it to me.

I taught for 37 years, retiring four years ago. I am glad to say that my children have been educated also.

My Dad is in his 80's now and lives next door to me. We look around and often talk of the old days. It is a very different world today.

*Mrs. Missouri J. Morgan*

My first recollections of baseball in Kings Mountain is the famous "Bell Nine" of the Bell Military Academy. After the close of the military school, the game was continued in Kings Mountain purely by local boys. About the year 1896 a junior team was organized.

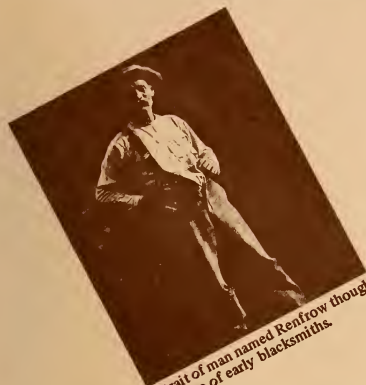
In the year 1898 a regular team was again organized. On this team was Clarence and Arthur Cornwell, Johnny Mauney, Lee Falls, Howard Jenkins, John Ferguson, Luther Baker, Hamlet Wyatt, Arthur Ragan, Claude Blanton, John I. Smith, and others whose names slip my memory.

During the life of the team, I think it was in the years 1901 and 1903, an Indian team played in Kings Mountain and had a night game played by acetylene lights. The base lines were shortened to 60 feet and the pitcher's mound to 50 feet. A larger ball was used, something like the balls used in softball today. I remember that our team beat the Indians in the night game. The night game field was located between where the original Presbyterian Church was and where a motor company (Dixon's) now is on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Mountain Streets.

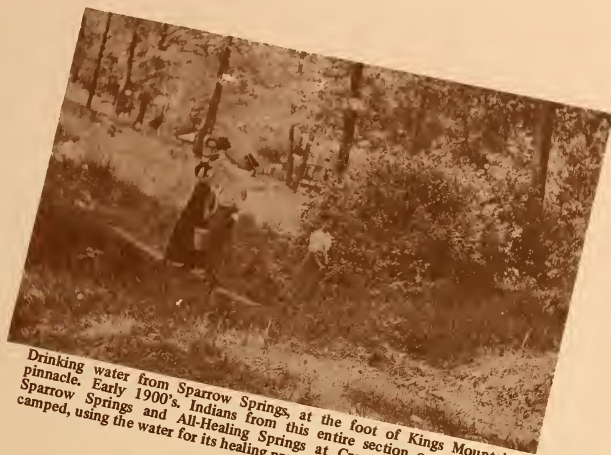
Leslie McGinnis  
(deceased)



# THE WAY WE WERE



Portrait of man named Renfrow thought to be one of early blacksmiths.



Drinking water from Sparrow Springs, at the foot of Kings Mountain pinnacle. Early 1900's. Indians from this entire section once came to Sparrow Springs and All-Healing Springs at Crowder's Mountain and camped, using the water for its healing properties.



Picnicking near Kings Mountain in the early 1900's.



Scene inside Lula Mill in early 1900's



Two participants in the 135th Anniversary Parade of the Battle of Kings Mountain were Dr. and Mrs. Luther P. Baker. This was in 1911 before their marriage.



"Going to Church" Early 1900's. L to R: Mary Hall, May and Ethel Plonk, Rufus Plonk, Jr.



1920's scene of Commercial Bank & Trust Co. This was formerly the People's Loan & Trust Co. before merger, and was organized in 1906 by John O. Plonk and M. E. Herndon. L to R: M. E. Herndon, Bright Rattercee, E. W. Griffin, A. H. Patterson.





# FROM HORSE...

This 1914 Horse Drawn Hearse, made by Riddle Body Works, is owned by Sisk Funeral Homes, Inc. The only other one like this made by this company is in a Chicago museum.



Dr. J. E. Anthony and "Ole Mac" in 1911. He practiced here for 55 years.



Dr. J. E. Anthony



The Surry

# TO HORSELESS



This is the first airplane that flew over our town - probably in 1911. It was shipped to Gastonia in crates and assembled on the fairgrounds.



Out for a muddy Saturday afternoon drive.



Perhaps Kings Mountain's first filling station, this was located on Battleground Ave. across from the Hambright house. It was operated by Scott Deal.



Dr. L. P. Baker's brother, Fred, and family, showing early model car.

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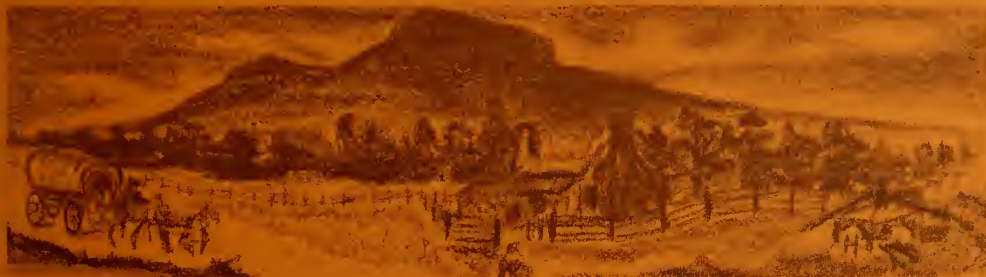


The Jacob S. Mauney family at their 50th Anniversary, 1923



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### FIRST PRIZE:

Queen's choice of: 1. Round trip for herself and companion to  
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 3. Motorola 19 inch color TV  
 One complete outfit from Fulton's Department Store.  
 A trophy from Willie's Jewelry Store.

### FIRST RUNNER-UP:

A complete outfit from McGinnis Department Store.  
 Beautiful lamp from Dreamline Furniture.  
 A nice gift from Dellinger's Jewelry Store.  
 Floral arrangement from Allen's Flower Shop.  
 Chanel No. 5 Spray Cologne from Harper's Pharmacy.

### SECOND RUNNER-UP:

A complete outfit from Belk's Department Store.  
 Two beautiful lamps from Lynch Furniture.  
 A clock from Sterchi's Furniture.  
 One piece of Samsonite Luggage from Plonk Brothers Store.  
 Hanging garden, courtesy Mrs. Tencie Rhea, potter.

### THIRD RUNNER-UP:

A beautiful radio from Western Auto Store.  
 Wall clock from Cooper's Furniture.  
 A coffee cup set from Bridges Hardware.  
 Shafer pen and pencil set from Kings Mountain Office Supply.  
 A pocketbook from Grayson Jewelry Shop.

### FOURTH RUNNER-UP:

Curling hairsetter from Griffin Drug Company.  
 Gift certificate from Kings Mountain Drug Company.  
 A terrarium from Accent Flowers.  
 Salad bowl set from McGinnis Furniture.  
 Corelle Livingware and decorator kit from Phifer Hardware.

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Rev. Pascal Waugh, Chairman  
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Mark Eaker, Chairman

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Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lee, Chairmen

Centennial Ball  
Mrs. Mary Ann Testa, Chairman

Youth Day  
Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Co-Chairman  
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Industry Day  
J.E. Rhea, Co-Chairman  
R.G. Franklin, Co-Chairman  
Mike Ross  
Ken Anderson  
Ernest Rome  
Jim Going  
Jerry King



#### Ladies Day

Mrs. Jack Arnette, President of the Woman's Club  
Mrs. Larry Hamrick, Co-Chairman-Home Tour  
Mrs. Charles Neisler, Co-Chairman-Home Tour  
Kings Mountain Garden Clubs

#### Senior Citizen's Day

Mrs. Charles Adams, Chairman  
Mrs. Fred Withers  
Mrs. George Thomasson  
Mrs. Carl Mayes  
Mrs. Paul Mauney  
Mrs. Nell Hollingsworth  
Mrs. Toy Gossett  
Mrs. Howard Broadwater  
Mrs. Robert Davis  
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#### Children's Day

Mrs. Darrell Austin, Chairman  
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Mrs. Mickey Powers  
Mrs. Tom Burke

Mrs. John Howze  
Mrs. Bill Bridges  
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Mrs. Charles Dixon  
Mrs. Howard Lutz  
Mrs. Carl Mayes

#### Parade Day

Lynn Cheshire, Co-Chairman  
David Faunce, Co-Chairman  
Jeff Edmonston, Co-Chairman

#### Religious Heritage Day

Rev. C.E. Edwards, Co-Chairman  
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Mr. Allen Jolley, Co-Chairman  
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Kings Mountain Rotary Club—Centennial post mark cancellation die

Royal Villa Motel—meeting accommodations

Southern Railroad—steam engine “Best Friend of Charleston”

City of Kings Mountain

Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission

Kings Mountain District Schools

Kings Mountain Mirror-Herald

George Lublanezki—donation of Centennial Headquarters Building

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# Program of Events

## Kings Mountain Centennial

### DAY OF THANKSGIVING

Sunday, February 10, 1974

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Monday, February 11, 1974

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21

### YOUTH TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Kings Mountain High School Courts. Ages 6-18

## FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

### OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAYS

All merchants—Great sales from the good ole days.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 p.m. ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON, Centennial Square

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. CENTENNIAL DANCE, National Guard

Armory. Music presented by "Men of Melody."

\$2.50 per person

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

#### YOUTH DAY

10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ALL STORES-BARGAINS ON YOUTH PRODUCTS

10:00 a.m. Art Awards-Kings Mountain High School

10:30 a.m. Announcement by Mayor of Youth City Officials for Youth Day.

1:00 p.m. Youth Activities in Downtown Area:

1. Car Pounding
2. Guitar Clinic
3. Polaroid Cut-ups
4. Karate Display
5. Dunking Machine
6. Bicycle Display and Repairs
7. Street Sketches
8. Army-Navy-Air Force Displays
9. Jewelry Stand

3:00 p.m. FASHION SHOW-Centennial Square

8:00 p.m. STREET DANCE-Centennial Square, featuring "Hollis County"

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

### INDUSTRY DAY

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. INDUSTRY ON PARADE

National Guard Armory

1. Thirty local industries, utilities, institutions, and the Mayor's Office will participate.
2. Displays and demonstrations
3. Souvenirs and door prizes

7:45 p.m. Pre-Spectacular Entertainment—Kings Mountain High School Band

\*8:30 p.m. First Performance of Spectacular—"LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN", Kings Mountain High School Stadium

A cast of over 250 tell the thrilling highlights of the Kings Mountain area history. Told in dance, song and drama, the ninety-minute production will prove a highlight of the Centennial.

\*In case of rain, a repeat performance of the Spectacular "LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN" will be held Saturday, October 5, at 8:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

### LADIES DAY

11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. KINGS MOUNTAIN WOMAN'S CLUB COMMUNITY FESTIVAL at Clubhouse. "Women in Action"—Bazaar; Arts, Crafts and Horticulture on Display.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. HOME TOUR AND TEA—\$1.00 per person. Tickets available at four homes.

HOMES OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neisler  
700 Lee Street
2. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Timms  
411 Downing Place
3. Mrs. J. H. Arthur  
210 Edgemont Drive
4. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tate  
700 Crescent Circle

2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tea in the Garden of Dr. and Mrs. George Plonk

HISTORICAL HOMES—DRIVING TOUR—Homes of historical interest will be marked with signs giving a brief history of each.

1. Mr. and Mrs. John O. Plonk  
118 N. Piedmont Avenue
2. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cooper  
107 N. Piedmont Avenue
3. Mr. Percy Dilling  
100 N. Piedmont Avenue
4. Mrs. J. E. Herndon  
106 N. Battleground Avenue
5. Small home next door to Mrs. Herndon
6. Miss Ava Ware  
206 W. Gold Street
7. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patrick  
523 S. Battleground Avenue
8. Central Barber Shop  
127 W. Mountain St.

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pottery Making Display, Centennial Square

*Centennial Headquarters, Battleground Avenue*

*Open 10:00-5:00 p.m., Daily • Telephone 739-7484*

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- 7:45 p.m. Pre Spectacular Entertainment:
1. Rock Group—Rusty Cloninger and his group
  2. Beard Contest Winners
- \*8:30 p.m. Second Performance of Spectacular—"LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN", Kings Mountain High School Stadium

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

### SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Registration at Woman's Club  
12:00 noon Covered Dish luncheon for all persons over sixty-five at Woman's Club. Each one bring one dish.

#### Entertainment

- 2:00 p.m. Introduction of Former Residents of Kings Mountain  
Prizes Awarded:
1. Best Costume—female
  2. Best Costume—male
  3. Oldest
  4. Married Longest
  5. Longest Hair—female
  6. Longest Beard
  7. Most Children
  8. Most Grandchildren
  9. Most Great-Grandchildren

#### Butter Churning Contest

#### Spelling Bee

#### Cake Decorating Contest (completed at home)

#### Display of Antiques, Mementoes, Relics to be displayed

- ALL DAY CARAVAN OF OLD CARS—Mr. Ken Davis, Chairman  
Old cars will parade through the streets
- ALL DAY SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S "Best Friend of Charleston"  
A replica of 1820 steam engine. It will be parked at the depot.

#### 7:45 p.m. Pre-Spectacular Entertainment:

1. Kings Mountain High School Mixed Chorus
2. Senior Citizens' Awards

- \*8:30 p.m. Third Performance of Spectacular—"LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN", Kings Mountain High School Stadium

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

### CHILDREN'S DAY

- 10:00 a.m. Awards for Best Poster in each Elementary School  
4:00 p.m. Children's Parade

Children's Day Parade will feature all Kings Mountain children ages pre-school through 6th grade.

Parade will assemble at West School playground and will proceed up Mountain Street to Joy Theatre down Gold Street to Watterson Street, back to West School for free cookies and Cokes for all participants.

#### Parade Features:

1. Carowind Animals
2. Biltmore Train
3. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Clowns
4. Decorated Bicycles-prizes
5. Decorated Tricycles-prizes
6. Decorated Wagons-prizes
7. Best Costumes-prizes
8. Floats from each school-trophy awarded to

#### winner

9. "Little Miss School Belle" winner in contest in each school.
10. Brownie Scouts
11. Cub Scouts
12. Junior Scouts
13. Dancing Schools
14. Kindergartens
15. Junior High School Band
16. Kings Mountain Fire Dept. Fire Truck
17. Cars featuring all Elementary School Principals
18. Kings Mountain Junior Police

- ALL DAY SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S "Best Friend of Charleston"  
A replica of 1820 steam engine. It will be parked at the depot.

#### 7:45 p.m. Pre-Spectacular Entertainment:

1. Paul White & Country Sound
2. Children's Awards

- \*8:30 p.m. Final Performance of Spectacular—"LOOK TO THE MOUNTAIN", Kings Mountain High School Stadium

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

### PARADE DAY

- 10:00 a.m. Parade—Route to be announced  
COMMEMORATIVE SILVER COIN AUCTION—  
Centennial coins numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 immediately following parade, on reviewing stand
- 2:30 p.m. "Burial of Time Capsule"—Old Fountain Mini Park
- 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. OLD MUSKET SHOOTING CONTEST  
Police Range-Trophy to be awarded

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

### RELIGIOUS HERITAGE DAY

- 11:00 a.m. Church Services Commemorating Our Heritage—All Kings Mountain Churches
- 2:00 p.m. CHURCH OPEN HOUSE
- 4:00 p.m. The following Churches will be open to the public with guides in each Church:
1. A.R.P. Church—Mrs. J.C. McGill
  2. St. Matthews Lutheran—Mrs. J.E. Herndon
  3. First Presbyterian—Mrs. Harry Page
  4. Central Methodist—Mrs. J.H. Arthur
  5. Mt. Zion Baptist

- 7:30 p.m. INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE—Kings Mountain High School Stadium (in case of rain—Central School Auditorium)

Address—Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Retired Bishop, Methodist Church

Music—Combined Choirs from Kings Mountain Churches  
Cleveland County Combined Union Choir



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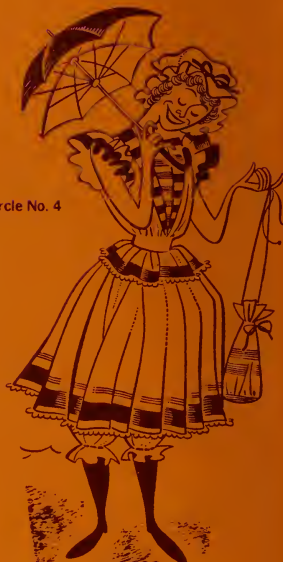
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**Chapter No. 50**  
**Eastside Baptist Church**  
**Eastside Belles**

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**Rainbow Girls Belles**

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 Beth Lanier  
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**Chapter No. 52**  
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 Eulda Doley  
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 Pam Turner  
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 Edna Galloway  
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**Cotton Belles**

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 Eunice Holcombe  
 Elaine Ogden  
 Angela Stone  
 Sheila Stone  
 Lois Wright  
 Mary Boheler  
 Shirley Lawson  
 Geneva Crocker  
 Hazel Parrish  
 Jan Deaton  
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 Angel Martin

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 Betty Brackett  
 Jenny Bridges  
 Ethel Peterson  
 Mary Crank  
 Brenda Parker  
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 Carolyn Clifton  
 Peggy Howell  
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**North Elementary School**  
**North School Belles**

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**Central Belles**

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 Janice Sale  
 Sara Whetstone  
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 Fronneau Little  
 Jo Ellis

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**Grover Belles**

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 Mrs. Jo Ann Hambricht  
 Mrs. S.A. Crisp  
 Mrs. Gozie Allen  
 Mrs. Nina Falls  
 Mrs. Vangie Westmoreland  
 Miss Holly Rountree  
 Mrs. Lucille Kiser  
 Mrs. Boyce Hambricht  
 Mrs. Marie Blake  
 Mrs. Mabel Kiser  
 Jennifer Reid  
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**Neisco Belles**

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**LITTLE MISS BELLES**

**Charter No. 1**  
**Kinder Manufacturing**  
**Little Miss Kinder Klatch**

Lisa Hampton  
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 Kuzundra Burch  
 Kimberly Causby  
 Kimberly Satterfield  
 Tonya Carrigan  
 Lisa Greene  
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**Charter No. 2**  
**Bethware School**  
**Cinderella Belles**

Angela Lynn Allen  
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 Kim Burns  
 Gina Stone  
 Linda Stone  
 Donna Blalock  
 Tonya Blalock  
 Buffy Hutchins  
 Tammy Hutchins  
 Dawn Morris  
 Mary Starnes  
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**Charter No. 3**  
**West School**

Sonya Smith  
 Laura Herndon  
 Melanie Herndon  
 Donna Wright  
 Terri Plonk  
 Patti McGinnis  
 Lisa White  
 Lena Dawkins  
 Laura Anderson  
 Lisa Powers  
 Ashley Gossett  
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**Chapter No. 4**  
**East School**  
**Prissy Missy**

Loni Guyton  
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 Lori Davis  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Joann Johnson  
 Amy Jane Dixon  
 Kim Roper  
 Candi Wellman  
 Shelley Robbs  
 Amy Robbs

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**First Baptist Church Kindergarten**

Terri Cook  
 Tammy Cook  
 Amy Morris  
 Teresa Adams  
 Suzanne Lee  
 Kimberly McGinnis  
 Ashley McGinnis  
 Laura Allen  
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**Chapter No. 4**  
**Central School**  
**Miss Muffets Little Belles**

Anne Hord  
 Jamie Humphries  
 Bonnie Sheffield  
 Carol Bennett  
 Kelly Perason  
 Ann Thomasson  
 Jennifer Campbell  
 Toni Ross  
 Leigh Mauney

**Chapter No. 5**  
**North School**  
**The Cowgirls**

Brenda Lee Martin  
 Amy Cuestiri  
 Sonja Grissom  
 Penny Lovelace  
 Kerry Ann Prater  
 Kelley Smith  
 Wendy Smith  
 Tonya Ruffin  
 Sally Estes  
 Rainey Haigler

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**Kings Mountain Hospital**  
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 Charles Hunt  
 Steve Murphree  
 Mike Causby  
 Ron E. Costner  
 Michael L. Coffey  
 Woodrow Wells  
 Hugh Logan III  
 Marshall Adams  
 Richard Arnold  
 Don Sellers  
 Dixon Bridges  
 Carl Childers  
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**"Civi-Brushes"**

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**Charter No. 29**  
**Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church**  
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 Kelly Patterson  
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**Charter No. 30**  
**Burlington Sportswear**

Jim Brown  
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 Deals Buton  
 Marshall Wells  
 Elvin Brown  
 Tars Crocker  
 Summey Tessener  
 Frank Bridges  
 Calvin Sawyer  
 Darrell King  
 Bobby Martin  
 Aron Barber  
 Jim Bowman  
 Doug Logan  
 Clarence Deaton  
 Rodney Deaton  
 Jody Deaton  
 Bill Parham  
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 Ralph Towery  
 David McClain  
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 Maynard Deaton  
 Clarence Bess  
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 Raleigh Brown  
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**Charter No. 31**  
**Woodbridge**  
**Bearded Beavers of Woodbridge**

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 Jake Dixon  
 Gerald Thomasson  
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 Richard Greene  
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 George Klepper  
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**Groovey Guys**

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**Grace Methodist Church**

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**LITTLE SHAVERS**

**Charter No. 1**  
**Kinder Manufacturing Co.**  
**Little Kinder Klan**

Paul Chaffee  
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 Scott Carrigan  
 Kevin Dellinger  
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**Charter No. 2**  
**Bethware School**  
**Prince Charming Shavers**

Aaron Allen  
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 Ricky White  
 David Herndon  
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 Charles Hamilton

**Charter No. 3**  
**West School**

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 Thad Lutz  
 Steve Plonk  
 Ron Ravell  
 Raynard Roberts  
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 Bill Anderson  
 Walter Goodman  
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 Chris Sloan Plonk

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**East School**  
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 Phillip Greene  
 David Brown  
 Cape Etters  
 Kinny Davis  
 David Green  
 Chuck Deaton  
 Robert Johnson  
 Lucky Tucker  
 Robert Wilson  
 Rickie Land  
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**North School**  
**The Cowboys**

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 Bobby Smith  
 Gary Allen  
 Jerry Oliver

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**Central School**  
**Georgie Porgies**

Glenn Carroll  
 Robert Ray Sheffield  
 Russell Flemming  
 Lynn Peeler  
 Delk Haigler

**Charter No. 7**  
**Burlington Sportswear**

Monty Deaton  
 Toby Deaton  
 Bobby Martin  
 Johnny Martin  
 Tracy Robin  
 Kenn Bolin

**Charter No. 8**  
**First Baptist Church Kindergarten**

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100 Years Celebration — October 1-7, 1974

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Fellow Citizens:

Congratulations on the unforgettable Centennial Celebration we have enjoyed together!

Beginning with the church services of thanksgiving on February 10 and the actual birthday program on February 11, this has been a community project, participated in by hundreds of loyal citizens.

From the initial planning, we have reminisced and shared our treasured memories of friends and events of yesteryear; we have experienced increased gratitude to all those who laid the foundation of our town and pride in their achievements; we have been challenged to make improvements as we have taken a good look at ourselves. Above all, we have had fun working together in the many areas chosen for our Celebration and have become better acquainted as a result.

We are grateful to everyone who has taken a part during this historic Celebration: to the individuals who have given unselfishly of their time, to the companies and sponsors for their financial backing, and to our neighbors and guests who have graciously accepted invitations to be with us.

We hope that each of you has not only learned about the history of our town, but has had fun as well.

Good wishes for each of you and for Kings Mountain.

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Kings Mountain Community Festival, 1971

# The Second Fifty Years

The history of the second fifty years (1920's-1970's) of growth and development of Kings Mountain is necessarily different from the first. Gone are the awe and mystery of those first settlers and their unflinching courage and strength against the odds and elements. There are citizens alive today who have experienced the last fifty years of their lives as a part of the changing life of this town in the middle of the Twentieth Century. So rather than being aware of witnessing the history of Kings Mountain, these people tend to look at the passing days as their personal lives. Each year, however, marks the end of present endeavors and sets goals for future achievements for individuals and a whole community. In other words the last fifty years will be familiar ground upon which a

goodly number of Kings Mountain citizens have trod.

A second difference is the kind of growth and development exhibited by a community in the Space Age. The first fifty years must record discoveries about the area and what sets it apart (ie. mineral resources, historical heritage, industrious citizens, etc.) as well as the establishment of those basic business, mercantile and governmental agencies which make a town a "comfortable" place to live. With that behind it a community begins to move out and forward. Business expands and is diversified. New merchants join the old ones. Population increases. As a result, city government has more responsibility and expands to encourage and protect the prosperity of its constituency.

The city of Kings Mountain has accomplished all these changes and more. The growth rate has been consistently upward, always creating desirable new aspirations for the future. To make such progress much credit should go to the individual citizen. Surely the gift of a talented and conscientious citizenry has served the city well. For this reason mention is made in "The Second Fifty Years" of the names and accomplishments of some of these people who, along with many others, have brought us to this bright day in 1974.

The Editors

# The Twenties

Along with the rest of the nation, Kings Mountain saw many cultural and industrial changes in the Twenties. It was the era of the "flapper," the Charleston dance, and the new automobile craze. Money seemed to be plentiful. Credit began to be a way of life, and people were ready to splurge after the belt-tightening war.

To our town each spring for a few weeks came the small Gypsy Caravans in covered wagons, cooking utensils hanging on the back. The gypsies wore traditional bright colored clothes and made camp in wooded areas near streams just on the edge of town. "Stay away from the gypsies or they'll steal you!" the children were told. Adults were warned to lock all doors.

Another delight to the children was the Medicine Show which came to town each summer and set up its tent-stage downtown behind Fulton's Store. Comedy acts were played out in order to sell bottled cure-all "colored water" to a gullible public.

Getting your first haircut by Bob Tribble, esteemed local Negro barber who had his shop where City Barber Shop is today, was a must. Mr. F.F. Dover, who has run this shop for 25 years, is still using the original Tribble chairs. Bob also had shower rooms in the back where some of the "gentlemen" of the town came for their Saturday baths.

John Setzer, called "John the Ice Man," was also beloved by all the children because he would let them hang on the back of the wagon on hot summer days and eat ice chips as he drove his horse down the streets.

Hood's Swimming Pool was built on what is now Canterbury Road just off Highway 74. It had a sloping plank bottom where toes often caught in the cracks,

and feet slipped on the slimy bottom. Not long after this venture, Lake Montonia was formed by a group of interested citizens from Kings Mountain and Gastonia. Lots were sold for \$100 each and numbers were drawn as to which lot your money bought. There were no trees on the north and east sides of the manmade lake at that time.

Many businesses were established during the Twenties. The Home Savings and Loan was begun by a group of citizens who met in the Pythian Club Room with A.H. Patterson as the first Secretary-Treasurer. Later Mr. Patterson left to establish his own insurance agency. Finger's Drug Store (formerly operated by F.L. Carpenter) was purchased by E.W. Griffin and given the family name. It is at the same address, run by Wilson Griffin, Jr., today. Elmer Lumber Company was formed with J.B. Thomasson as manager. The name was chosen by a random drawing of one stockholder's name. Elmer Herndon's was chosen. This company, in business under several owners, ceased to operate in 1974 when it was closed by the B.S. Peeler family.

McGill's Service Station opened. Patterson Oil Company was established. Hord's Furniture Store was organized, and Keeter's Department Store came to town. Three Neisler Mills were incorporated; Mauney Mills, Incorporated, was formed from Old Mason Mill; and J.E. Herndon Cotton Waste Company began operation.

In 1922 the first High School football team was organized with Hugh and then Fred Ormand as coach. Some of the players were: Tom Fulton, Joe Lee Woodward, Jake Hord, Lloyd Ormand, Zeb Plonk, Odell McGinnis, J.M. McGinnis, Lawrence Lovell, and Hoyt Matthews.

In 1923 the Plonk School of



John Setzer, affectionately called "John, the Ice Man" by the children of the town in the 1920's.

Creative Arts (The Southern Workshop) was founded in Asheville by Misses Laura and Lillian Plonk, Kings Mountain natives. This school had a direct influence on the cultural growth of Kings Mountain since many boys and girls studied there and returned home to give programs under the direction of the Plonk sisters.

In 1926 Miss Ella Harmon opened the first Beauty Parlor in town. It was located in the upstairs of a building approximately where the mini-park on Mountain Street is presently located. The teenage girls were the first to sample such a place of wonder. The only drawback was the fact that the electric curling irons would burn blisters on the head. This dilemma resulted in many cries of "Blow me, Blow me!" when all in the shop would rush to the unfortunate victim and begin blowing with all their might.

The first telephone was installed at the Dilling Mill in 1927. Before the year ended Kings Mountain had 310 telephones in service.

In 1929 the Citizens Bank and Trust Company (formerly People's Loan and Trust Company) failed along with other banks all over the country during this year of the "Crash." This was the beginning of the Depression.



# The Thirties

The Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1930, was one of the most exciting events the town had ever witnessed. It was the first time a President of the United States had ever visited Kings Mountain, and elaborate preparations went into making this a memorable day.

Many state and national dignitaries joined Mayor and Mrs. Wiley McGinnis and other town officials to greet President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover as they arrived by train. A twenty-one gun salute was fired, after which he was escorted to the reviewing stand on Mountain Street to witness a parade of military forces. Before going to the battlefield to deliver an address to a crowd of 75,000 people, the president was driven slowly through town in an open convertible so that the throngs lining the streets could see him.

Many other events took place that day of celebration including airplane stunt flying, band concerts, a football game, a large parade, and an outstanding historical pageant written and directed by Miss Laura Plonk. This pageant included approximately 200 Kings Mountain citizens of all ages. There was a street dance in front of the City Hall in the evening, and last of all fireworks at Aviation Field. It was a day to remember!

Kings Mountain felt the ravages of the depression years (1929-35) much as other parts of the country, but perhaps they were eased somewhat due to one woman's influence. Mrs. C.E. Neisler (Ida Mauney) prevailed upon both the Mauney and Neisler families to keep the mills running at a loss rather than allow widespread unemployment.



The C.E. Neisler family was also responsible for generously providing two key pieces of property upon which the Kings Mountain Woman's Club and the new First Presbyterian Church was built.

For many years the Kings Mountain Woman's Club had been a major civic organization, leading the town forward. It began as an organized committee to encourage maintenance and beautification of the city cemetery. The Club contributed shrubs and plants and offered good "yard keeping" assistance. Mrs. Lewis Neal was untiring in her efforts to promote this work. Thus, in 1931, knowing the property was available to them, a group of members

and their husbands sat on the front porch of the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Elmer Herndon trying to decide whether or not to go in debt to build a clubhouse in the middle of the depression. Mrs. E.W. Griffin made the motion to build and the vote was affirmative. Aid was secured from Kings Mountain Building and Loan. Much hard work on the part of the members, generous donations by interested individuals and businesses led by the Mauney and Neisler Mills, and the Kings Mountain Woman's Club had a permanent home.

The main project of the Woman's Club for many years had been the Floral Fair (or Fall Festival). This community event, however, preceded the organized Woman's Club. It was begun in 1903 as a project of several community churches, which at that time were weak and constantly in need of funds. As the churches grew stronger, they relinquished the Floral Fair to the Kings Mountain Civic League. In 1911 the Civic League became the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

The men of Kings Mountain were not to be outdone and a Lion's Club was organized with Howard Jackson as its first president. Taking an interest in local



Kings Mountain's First Organized Fire Department, 1931

government, the Lion's Club suggested a new plan of dividing the town into wards for voting and representation. The *Herald* endorsed the plan and the citizens approved it, creating the first change in city government since the Charter was signed in 1874.

Another institution of learning and respectability for a small town was a city library. In 1936 the Kings Mountain Library opened its doors. Meager were its beginnings. First it operated from a room donated by Dr. J.E. Anthony, over Keeter's Store. Mr. J.R. Davis, well-known attorney, gave the first book, "The Life of Will Rogers." The library next occupied a room about eight feet square in the old Town Hall building on Cherokee Street. Miss Ida Mae Davies served as librarian. When the new City Hall on Piedmont Avenue was completed, the Library moved into two rooms in the basement. Approximately 500 books, many of them donated by citizens, filled the shelves. Mrs. Bertie Hughes Campbell served as librarian. The constant drive for a quality library was led by Mrs. Hunter Neisler, the Reverend W.M. Boyce, Mayor J.E. Herndon and Haywood E. Lynch. Mr. Lynch, editor and publisher of *The Herald* at that time, was untiring in his efforts through the paper to get a library for Kings Mountain.

The organization of a fire department had been haphazard to this time. Perhaps the dramatic fire at the First Baptist Church, now Kings Mountain Baptist, served to accentuate the need. The fire was raging in the education building and fire trucks from both Shelby and Gastonia were frantically fighting it. Mrs. M.E. Herndon, who had painted a large picture of the Jordon River for the Baptistry, prevailed upon bystanders Phillip Baker and Gaither McDaniel to come inside the smoke-filled sanctuary with her and cut down the canvas with

pocket knives in order to save the picture. (Later the oil painting was repaired and replaced in the church and is still there.) On May 22, 1931, Kings Mountain established its own fire department.

The long tradition of outstanding High School Bands was begun in 1935 when the first band was organized by Paul E. Hendricks. This excellent band took many honors over the years. A special extra edition of *The Herald* was printed when the Kings Mountain High School Band won a national award in West Palm Beach, Florida in May, 1940. Also by special invitation, this young band played for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the opening of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at Newfound Gap.

Quite a few city improvements were completed during the thirties. They included the following: transportation and civic needs; the paving of the Cherryville Road; the opening of the Kings Mountain-Gastonia Highway celebrated by a joint town meeting, luncheon and car caravan to Gastonia; completion of a

new overhead bridge linking Highway 29 South and 74 West (Otis Falls Filling Station reopened after having been rebuilt because of bridge construction); widening of downtown Cherokee Street, previously known as "the alley." Initial studies began on Highway 74 By-pass around Kings Mountain. Also federal funds were secured through the W.P.A. projects to cover part of the building costs of a new City Hall, water mains and school improvements. In July of 1937, the City Hall was completed at a cost of \$50,000.



Kings Mountain Woman's Club



1936 Band



# KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD

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PRESENT-DAY VIEWS OF THE KINGS MOUNTAIN BATTLEGROUND.



Monument erected by the States of North and South Carolina, unveiling during Centennial observance October 7, 1880.

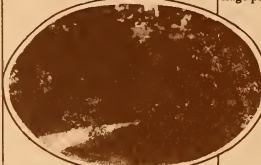
The Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain, the turning point in the Revolutionary War, to be held on October 7, 1930, promises to be the greatest gathering ever assembled to honor the patriots who contributed so decisively to the winning of our independence. The various committees, under the direction of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the S. A. R., are inviting every state to send visitors and delegations to participate in this notable event. The President of the United States has been invited to deliver the address of commemoration, the Governors of the Thirteen Original States, with their staffs, are expected to be present, military forces from the two Carolinas will lend a martial air to the day by their appearance, and many notable visitors will attend.

The work of surfacing highways leading to the battleground is being pushed by both states, means for broadcasting President Hoover's address are being provided, and huge pavilions, band and speaking stands are all provided.

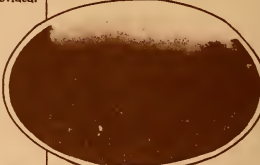
Military and civilian bands will provide music, and patriotic decorations will lend color to the event. Preparations are being made to care for at least two hundred thousand visitors. In this modest attempt at pre-celebration publicity, an effort is being made to portray some of the things of interest, some of the extensive industrial and commercial enterprises that form the background of the two Carolinas, in order that those from a distance may form some conception of present-day conditions in the Piedmont Carolinas, where an empire—industrial, commercial and agricultural—has been in the making during the past twenty years.



Monument erected by Federal Government, marking center of battle operations, unveiled October 7, 1900.



Road leading to Kings Mountain battleground.



View showing the panorama of Kings Mountain from the battleground.



Left—Monuments erected to the heroes of the battle of Kings Mountain. Right—Graves of Major Patrick Ferguson, leader of the British forces, slain in battle.



View of the spacious dining room, opening directly from the lobby.



The Mountain View Hotel, Kings Mountain, N. C., the center of coming Sesqui-Centennial observance.



The parlor, opening to the left of the reception hall.

The Mountain View Hotel, Kings Mountain's only hotel, located in the heart of the thriving little city, and on State Highway No. 20, leading directly to Asheville, also on National Highway No. 205 leading from north to south. This hotel is under the management of Misses Emma and Agnes Norris, who have owned and operated the hotel for twenty-nine years. It is today one of the popular stopping places for tourist and for the commercial traveler. Large, comfortable rooms with or without private baths await the guest. The delightful meals served here are known to thousands of people who have made this their stopping place throughout the years that have passed. The Mountain View Hotel will be one of the centers of activity on the occasion of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration. The President's luncheon, attended by many dignitaries from throughout the United States, will be served here.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OCTOBER 7, 1930.



Among the new business establishments during these years were the Dixie Theater, Plonk Motor Company, City Laundry and Saunder's Cleaners. Don Blanton and John L. McGill bought Summer's Drug Company and changed the name to Kings Mountain Drug Company. Dilling Mill was purchased by Phenix Mill.

With great interest and pride the citizens of Kings Mountain learned that the 71st Congress of the United States authorized plans to build a National Park at the Kings Mountain Battleground.

The thirties brought a rash of "firsts" to Kings Mountain. The first Merchants Association was formed with J.B. Keeter as President. The business district was decorated over the Christmas holidays for the first time in 1937. It was reported by the State Employment office in this area that in 1938 the greatest number of people (1,253) seeking jobs was registered. The first high school paper, *The Mountaineer*, was published, as well as the first hard back annual. In 1939 the lar-

gest class in Kings Mountain High School's history graduated —64 strong. One of Kings Mountain's most beautiful young women, model Jean Ware (Mrs. Richard LeGrand) was seen on the cover of several national magazines. The town's first tennis tournament was held on a court behind the water plant. Grace Neisler (Mrs. Harry Page) won second place in the women's division of a National Skeet Shoot, breaking 87 out of a possible 100.

Some events of personal triumph should be mentioned. The Mauney twins, Miles and Earnest, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Mauney, gave a concert in Hickory at the age of 13. They had been studying piano since they were five years old. Some careers were only beginning others ending. After approximately 50 years of service to Southern Railway while "the train was king" Captains O.C. O'Farrell and B. M. Ormand retired from service in 1939, Capt. H.N. Moss already having retired after

50 years service. Eight citizens took an extended Texas Centennial trip viewing farms on the way. They traveled in a one-half ton truck rigged up as a covered wagon. Those making the trip were R.G. Plonk, L.M. Arthur, Pink Herndon, W.S. Bridges, Floyd Herndon, B.F. Dixon, W.A. Williams, and owner of the truck, P.D. Herndon. All returned safely!

The Herald, which celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of publication in March of 1939 with a special edition, gives us a humorous account of some extreme weather conditions. After twelve inches of snow fell in one weekend, it was noted that "the Lutheran Church had by far the biggest congregation present for services Sunday. It could not be decided whether the Lutherans were more loyal than the other congregations or whether they just did not have sense enough to stay away. There were two people at the First Baptist Church: Preacher Sargeant and D.F. Hord."



**WOMAN'S CLUB OBSERVES CHARTER NIGHT—INSTALLATION PROGRAM**—Shown above, to the right of the club seal, are nine charter members of the Kings Mountain Woman's club present at Charter Night program held at the club in 1949. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. George Patterson, Gastonia, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Mrs. B. M. Ormand, Mrs. H. N. Moss and Mrs. H. T. Fulton. Standing, Mrs. J. E. Aderholdt, Mrs. D. C. Mauney, Mrs. E. L. Campbell and Mrs. A. H. Patterson. New officers of the club, pictured above left of seal, include, seated, left to right, Mrs. P. G. Ratterree, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. J. N. Gamble, recording secretary; Mrs. I. G. Patterson, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Patterson, vice-president; and Mrs. Otto Hehn, president. Standing Mrs. Luther Cansler, historian; Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, retiring president and Junior Woman's club sponsor; and Mrs. H. C. Mayes corresponding secretary. Mrs. William Edwards, of Rutherfordton, district president, who took part in the program, is standing next to Mrs. Mayes.



The C. E. Neister Family in 1925

Front row L to R: Pauline (Mrs. W. F. Brewer), Mrs. Ida Mauney Neister, Hugh Neister, Mr. Charles Eugene Neister, Margaret (Mrs. Harold R. Hunnicutt), Back row L to R: Hunter R., Paul M., Grace (Mrs. Harry E. Page), Joseph A., Charles E., Jr.



# The Forties



Kings Mountain Post Office

Just as towns all over the world, Kings Mountain in the forties was shadowed by World War II. As the fighting raged in Europe and the Pacific, more draft classifications were announced. Owen A. Huffstickler was the first man from Kings Mountain Draft Board to enter the army. Citizens became more involved at home and many related activities began to surface. A Civil Defense Program was organized. Plane spotters began their assigned "watches." The old Webb Theatre building was turned into Red Cross Headquarters where First Aid classes were taught. Sugar and gas registrations were called for as these items were rationed.

Many sons and daughters served their country and sacrificed much. The first Kings Mountain service man to lose his life in World War II was Johnny W. Blackwell. Sgt. S. Robert Suber, Jr., was captured and held prisoner by the Germans. Cicero Falls was also taken prisoner and was marched, without a drink of water, through extreme heat, to a German prison camp. Lt. Joe R. Penland was the first local citizen to return to the United States from overseas and receive the Navy Cross and the Gold Star.

In 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland, a Liberty Ship was christened "Ben F. Dixon," named for both the father and the son, Ben F. Dixon Jr., who was killed in World War I. They were ances-

tors of Mrs. B.M. Ormand, Mrs. Parks Allison, and Mrs. H.N. Moss of Kings Mountain.

With the welcome advent of V.E. Day in May, 1945, people hurried to their churches for services of prayer and thanksgiving. At the end of the Pacific War in August, the town took a full holiday and motorists rushed to available filling stations crying "Fill 'er up."

In spite of the national emergency, business went on as usual, even displaying some growth. A small hosiery division (only five employees) of Mauney Mill, Inc. was organized by W.K. Mauney, Jr., in the basement of the Mauney Mill in late 1939. The dollar sales in the early 1940's were about \$350 per week. In 1943 Mauney Mills, Inc. sold the hosiery division to Mauney Hosiery Co. and its partners, W.K., Jr., George H. and Carl F. Mauney. Mauney Hosiery Mill was incorporated in 1947 and additional stockholders acquired. Today the employees number about 300 and the sales volume is over \$5 million a year.

Another mining company, Superior Stone (now Martin-Marietta), began quarry operations in Kings Mountain with H.C. Mayes as Superintendent and J.H. Arthur as Assistant Superintendent. Bennett Brick and Tile announced its opening on Phifer Road. East King Street business section was the location for Allen's Flower Shop, Bridges Auto Parts and Kings Mountain Machine Works.



Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library



The Kings Mountain Country Club was first established in the former home of R. S. Plonk



Kings Mountain Country Club

Downtown welcomed Price's Cab Co., Rose's Five and Ten, and Grayson's Jewelry Shop. The Dixie Home Store opened the first supermarket in town. Ollie Harris purchased the Fulton and Parton Mortuaries. He was elected county coroner in 1946 and served until his retirement from that position in 1970. The C.E. Warlick Insurance Agency began in the Warlick home in 1946, but soon outgrew its quarters and moved uptown. John D. Warlick and his associate, Larry D. Hamrick, operate the business today.

In 1948, the widespread polio epidemic reached Kings Mountain. A ban was imposed on all youth meetings and children were quarantined to their "own property." Luckily the doctors' rank had been increased by the return from military service of Dr. Paul E. Hendricks and Dr. Philip G. Padgett to practice medicine here. During the war years, Dr. J.E. Anthony and Dr. W.L. Ramseur had been the town's only doctors.

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Old Overhead Bridge, built in 1904, with high sides to keep horses from jumping over.

The face of downtown Kings Mountain was changed by two major events, one an accident. In 1942 a raging fire destroyed two buildings and six businesses at the northwest corner of Mountain and Cherokee Streets. In contrast, the Mountain View Hotel, famous landmark for many years, was torn down in 1948 to make way for the Joy Theatre. This old hotel had been built from two stores about 1876. For thirty-six years it was operated by Misses Agnes and Emma Norris, prim and proud proprietresses of a renowned dining room. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ward were the last managers of the hotel.

Two important civic establishments found new homes during the Forties. The Kings Mountain Post Office was built and dedicated in 1939-40. It was located on land formerly owned by M.M. Carpenter where his house had stood since 1880. Prior to his death, Mr. Carpenter had considered that location (southeast corner of Mountain and Piedmont) "a mighty fine place for a post office." Mrs. Carpenter, well into her 80's, remembered his

wishes and sold her home for this purpose. It is interesting to note that in 1875 the whole acre of property sold for \$20.00, the one-third acre homesite for \$7.00. In 1938 the U.S. Government paid \$6,247.50 for the post office site.

Second, a permanent house for the Kings Mountain Library was found through the donation of the Dr. J.G. Hord mansion on the southwest corner of Piedmont and King. This was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Mauney, who had been among the founders of the town, by their sons and daughters. The building was later renovated under the direction of Mrs. George Houser Secretary-Treasurer of the Library Board, Mrs. Charles Dilling, Librarian, and a representative from the N.C. State Library in Raleigh. (The Mauney Memorial Library is now the property of the City of Kings Mountain.)

In 1945, Haywood E. Lynch sold The Herald to Martin L. Harmon, editor-owner today. Prior to the founding of The Herald (named by former editor owner J.E. McLaughlin), Kings Mountain had known a succession of newspapers, each of which failed to survive. Among those were The Kings Mountain News, founded in 1889 by W.A. Mauney and A.R. Rudisill; The Reformer, founded by H.P. Allison and lasting from 1885-1900; and The Democrat, founded by R.L. Plonk, H.P. Allison and Mr. Booker. In 1903 The Democrat and The Herald were consolidated under J.E. McLaughlin and Rev. L.A. Bickle. The paper was and is published today under the name Herald. From about 1913 until 1929 G.G. Page, a colorful and portly gentleman, owned and operated the paper.

The Forties brought forth se-

veral new organizations and clubs. Humes Houston organized the Kings Mountain National Guard with sixteen members. A Little Theatre was formed under the guidance of Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, Mrs. M.A. Ware and other interested citizens. The Kings Mountain Country Club was organized under the leadership of interested businessmen and housed in the R.S. Plonk home surrounded by a nine hole golf course. This house burned and was replaced by a modern brick building in 1961. (The Club now has an 18 hole golf course, a swimming pool and immediate plans for three tennis courts.) Also Kings Mountain Business Men's Club, an outgrowth of the old Civitan Club, was organized in 1922 and became Kiwanis International. L.W. Hamrick was elected President. The city government also underwent some reorganization as the Mayor-City Council form was approved by popular vote in 1948.

Kings Mountain had many individual citizens to gain local and national attention. Jake Early, professional catcher with the Washington team of the American League, was followed by local baseball fans. W.K. Mauney offered a \$25,000 endowment to Lenoir-Rhyne College. Thomas P. Baker, 20 years old, set a world record for flying his model air plane at 144.83 miles per hour at a national meet in Detroit. To recognize some of its loveliest young women, Kings Mountain held its first Beauty Pageant called "Parade of Pulchritude" by the local newspaper. As Mr. Henry S. Huffstetler of Cherryville Road purchased the first television set sold in Kings Mountain, an age of unprecedented audio and visual communications was begun.

# THE FIFTIES

The Kings Mountain Little Theatre opened the 1950's with a superior effort in community theatrics. From Gastonia, Shelby, Cherryville, Bessemer City, Clover and Rock Hill came actors, dancers, singers, technicians and stagehands to assist the Kings Mountain Little Theatre in producing the outdoor drama depicting the decisive battle fought at Kings Mountain near the end of the American Revolution. The drama was given on several weekends in the summer from 1951 through 1955 at the Amphitheatre at the Kings Mountain Battleground. Participants gave freely of their time, energy and talents without remuneration, some for every one of the five seasons. "Then Conquer We Must," written by a Kings Mountain Little Theatre member, Robert Osborne, was presented the first year; "Sword of Gideon," by Florette Henri of New York, the four remaining years. Directors were Jimmy Spivey, Mrs. M.A. Ware and Nicholas Moss, all of Kings Mountain; William Trotman of Winston-Salem, and Dan Bly of Asheville.



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Original music for the two productions was composed by Miss Emelyn Gillespie (Mrs. Franklin Pethel) and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

The Kings Mountain Hospital was completed and opened in 1951. Miss Lottie Goforth, who died in 1942, is credited with providing the impetus for building the hospital when she bequeathed her estate of \$33,939 for that purpose. A portrait of Miss Goforth by native artist J.L. Settlemyre hangs in the lobby. A private room was \$11 per day. Victoria Elizabeth Styres was the first baby born in the hospital on the very day it opened.

Kings Mountain citizens elected Glee A. Bridges as Mayor in 1953 and reelected him for five terms. During these years the first City Directory was distributed and the Chamber of Commerce was organized. The city

sought and received a natural gasoline from Transcontinental Gas Company. A beautification project which consisted of planting 1,000 rose bushes was carried out and featured in the magazine *Living for Homemakers*. The Deal Street swimming pool was opened for city use. The city police hired its first black policeman, Laymon P. Cornwell. At the Post Office, Charles L. Alexander became Postmaster succeeding acting Postmaster W.T. Weir.

Businesses originating in this period were the Farm Center, opened by Ted Ledford; Sterchi's Furniture; A & P Super Market; Grigg's Garage; and Radio Station, WKMT. The Herald moved into its new building on S. Piedmont. The First National Bank added a drive-in window; and Mauney Textiles installed a Profit Sharing Plan for its employees. New federal minimum wage was \$1.00 per hour. In 1955, Neisler Mills, Inc., an industrial leader for forty-five years, sold its six textile plants in North and South Carolina to Horvath, Inc.

Housing was expanding as J. Wilson Crawford and W.M. Gantt announced plans for a resi-

Pictured in costume are B. S. Peeler, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Padgett for the 1955 production of "The Sword of Gideon."



dential development on North Watterson Street. New homes were also being constructed for sale on Crescent Circle by Crescent Development Company, owned by Hal and Fred Plonk.

Several of our native citizens were honored at the state level by their respective member organizations. Mrs. Aubrey Mauney was elected president of the North Carolina Woman's Club. C.D. Blanton was elected presi-

dent of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. The North Carolina Press Award for non-daily newspapers went to The Kings Mountain Herald because of a prize winning story by Miss Elizabeth Stewart, reporter. Her story concerned the plight of Kings Mountain mining engineer Bob Hall in getting his Korean fiancée to this country from Korea. As a result, the Senate and

House passed a special bill allowing Joe Suen Pak to enter the United States.

Billy Lee Richeux, a colorful town figure, celebrated his 90th birthday still active and busy although long retired as a teamster and sawmiller. Billy was born in Canada but worked and lived in Kings Mountain for 56 years. He had lost his arm in a snow accident as a boy.



"The Bull in a China Shop". L to R: Katherine Mauney, Nan Jean Grant, Betty Watson, Roy Dedmon, and Hetty Cox.



Kings Mountain Little Theatre children's production, "The Panda and the Spy". Laura Carpenter, Kim Gladden, Becky Bates, and Scott Laughridge. 1973.

#### Kings Mountain Garden Club



Front row. L to R, Ann Neisler, Elizabeth Mayes and Elizabeth Pressly. Seated, middle row: Virginia Herndon, Phyllis Cheshire, Dot Finger, Laura Houser and Babe Ramseur. Standing: Mary Keeter, Barbara Mauney, Hazel Jackson, Johnnie Ware, Charlene Padgett and Catherine Mauney.



A new boom in the mining industry started to flourish in the Kings Mountain area that soon surpassed the gold mining days of the late 1800's. Lithium-bearing spodumene ore was discovered along a low range of mountains from Grover to Lincolnton in 1906. The first major production of spodumene in North Carolina began in 1942 from a plant erected by The Solvay Process Company south of Kings Mountain. Closed in 1945, the Solvay Process Company plants and properties were acquired by Foote Mineral in 1950. Production started the next year. Nearby the Lithium Company of America acquired considerable holdings and finally began construction of a spodumene treatment plant near Bessemer City. Production began in 1955 and by 1959 Lithium had moved its laboratory and producing facilities to Bessemer City, North Carolina, to reopen its mines here. Some of the commercial uses of lithium,

the lightest metal known, are in glass, ceramics, greases, metallurgy, dry cell and alkaline storage batteries, and in air conditioning. Another mining industry, Kings Mountain Mica Company was chartered in early 1950 to produce high grade flake mica. The company operates two plants. The Patterson Plant (1952) produces fine grades of Dry Ground Mica used in joint cement, textured paints, welding rod castings, plastics, etc. The Moss Plant (1956) produces Wet Ground Mica which is used in

paint, rubber, mastics, etc. Organized to recover mica only, it was found possible to reclaim feldspar, sand and clay from the ore. Kings Mountain Mica furnishes mica all over the world; feldspar to the glass industry; quartz sand (white when dry) to local markets as asphalt filler, concrete and plaster sand; and clay to Kings Mountain Brick, Inc. Over 90% of the original ore is now utilized.

Superior Stone



Kings Mountain Tin Mine in 1907.



Kings Mountain Mica



Foote Mineral Company

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KINGS MOUNTAIN MICA COMPANY

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# The Sixties

The early 1960's headlines were concerned with "Old Man Weather" and his rough treatment of the area. In March, eight inches of snow fell in seven hours. Blacklock's Park and Shop Grocery on Highway 74 was leveled by a tornado. The same storm felled a 118 year old oak, which had been standing in the corner of Percy Dilling's yard watching Kings Mountain grow from woodland to town. The town, using about two million gallons of water per day, had not solved its water problems. In 1963 a water pipe was borrowed from the U.S. Army and used by the city to tap Milk Dairy Branch and Canterbury Creek and supplement the insufficient supply. Shortly thereafter the city of Kings Mountain was approved and awarded a federal grant of \$388,500.00 for sewage improvements.

Progress was evident in areas pointing toward growth and prosperity. Dial telephones were installed and long distance dialing came to town. A new Southern Bell phone exchange building was constructed and dedicated to Glee A. Bridges. After much discussion over the site of the new high school, it was decided to build on Phifer Road. The Neisler family gave 20 acres toward the total acreage for this purpose. The integrated school opened to an overflow of students in 1965. Two outlying areas were annexed by the city. On the west side of town 33 acres of the Plonk Estate were taken in for a housing development; and on the east, the Linwood area. The business district received new mercury vapor lighting with underground cables. Four of the old lamp posts, kept as remembrances of the past, remain at the entrances to the City Hall and Mauney Memorial Library. The town saw the final mail dispatch by rail in 1963.

On the business scene changes were taking place also. The First National Bank and the First Union National Bank merged



Kings Mountain Recreation Center provides year-round activities with its swimming pool, miniature golf, tennis and indoor basketball courts.



Looking south on Battleground Avenue from Mountain St. corner.



Looking east on Mountain Street.

with L.E. Hinnant as president. Shannon Knitting Mills (now Duplex International) was due to begin production. Craftspun bought the Parkdale property. Carolina Throwing Company presented major expansion plans. Harris-Teeter built a supermarket on East King. J.E. Herndon Company planned to rebuild a modern plant northeast of town after fire destroyed four buildings of the cotton waste plant in 1965.

Several newsworthy items which concerned the citizenry of Kings Mountain must be mentioned. Jack H. White, member of the Davis-White law firm, won a seat in the N.C. Senate, Charles D. Blanton, Jr. was featured in the Saturday Evening Post in an advertisement commemorating National Pharmacy Week. The Dicey Mills, owned and operated by the family of P.M. Neisler, delivered a particular fabric to the White House and President L.B. Johnson to be used as upholstery for twelve chairs. The W.K. Mauney family presented a gift of \$352,000.00 to Lenoir-Rhyne College for construction of a music building. B.F. Maner, local insurance man, organized a Republican Club; and Edward H. Smith, author and historian, had a portion of his "Kings Mountain Battle" scene on WBTV. And once again the majority of the voting citizens vetoed the A.B.C. (beer, wine, whiskey) election in 1967.

Four faithful servants of the Kings Mountain community retired during the 60's. Dr. J.E. Anthony retired from his medical practice after 55 years of service. It was not unusual to see him in 1911, when he first came to town, trudging with bag in hand through muddy streets to treat a patient. A close friend of Dr. Anthony's, Dr. L.P. Baker, D.D.S., was honored at his retirement in 1967 after practicing dentistry here since 1907. School Superintendent B.N. Barnes retired the same year after forty years with the local system. (An auditorium at Kings Mountain High School will bear his name upon completion in 1974). And Mr. S.R. Suber



First Union National Bank



First Citizens Bank and Trust Company



Home Savings and Loan Association



Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association

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celebrated his 82nd birthday in 1967. "Mr. Sam" was born in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1885 and came to Kings Mountain in 1906. He established the Candy Kitchen where Eagle's Store now stands. Later he was employed as superintendent of the Mountain Rest Cemetery, a position he held for 22 years.

In 1965 John Henry Moss won the election for his first term as Mayor of Kings Mountain, defeating Glee A. Bridges in his sixth bid for the office. In the following years Mayor Moss and the City Commissioners sought and received approximately \$13,000,000 in federal grants which made the growth and progress of important areas of the community possible. Some of them were the widening of Candler Street; expanding water and sewage systems; construction of the Community Building at the Deal Street Park; the urban renewal; and beautification project; and central business redevelopment.

Gaining the approval and support of the citizens of Kings Mountain in passing bonds to build a new city reservoir on Buffalo Creek west of town was a noted achievement of Mayor Moss. The Kings Mountain Water Filtration Plant began operations in February, 1971, with the completion of the 2000 acre John H. Moss Lake. Fluoridation of city water had been a subject of much discussion and debate over the years, but the matter was finally resolved by vote and this treatment was begun several months after the plant opened.

Other major developments in 1965 which caused it to be labeled the "most prosperous year" in recent history are as follows. The City of Kings Mountain pledged \$83,000.00 to build an athletic field named as a memorial to former Coach John Gamble. A second campaign, chaired by Charles F. Mauney, to raise funds for Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs succeeded in endowing the school with over

\$150,000.00. The families of D.C. and W.K. Mauney led the donations with a gift of \$50,000.00. A new 400 acre industrial park was planned and opened just outside the city limits on the Bessemer City highway. The Central Methodist Church announced plans for a new \$200,000 sanctuary at the present location. In textiles, Kings Mill purchased Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company from the S.A. Mauney family. K. Mills, Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics, and Cleveland Hosiery opened. The First Citizens Bank and Trust Company established here and the First Union

National Bank announced plans for a new bank building.

The second largest celebration honoring the anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain was held, October 7-9, 1965, called "Mountaineer Days." A 200 unit parade composed of military bands, tanks, The Green Berets, Golden Knights (Skydivers), Miss North Carolina, local politicians, television stars and special guests drew about 40,000 people to town. Secretary of the Navy, Paul Nitze, gave the main address. The tradition of patriotism has long been a part of the life of the Kings Mountain community.



Mayor Glee A. Bridges and wife dressed for Battle Celebration Parade in 1963.



Tanks move through streets of Kings Mountain Howard Bridges winner of beard contest in 1963.

# SPORTS



1926 Team

Kings Mountain Little League Team, 1963, won 22 out of 24 games. Over 1100 people, adults and children, participate yearly in recreational ball under Roy Pearson, director of Kings Mountain program.



Teener League Team of 1965, sponsored by V. F. W., won Third in national tournament.



In 1973 K. M. fielded the N. C. softball champions. This team, sponsored by Champion Landscaping, was third in competition in 1974. Also the Babe Ruth Team won district and state meets and placed third in regional finals in 1974.



Pee Wee Football Team, 1973.



Sadie Mill Office



Duplex



J. E. Herndon Co.



Alcan Aluminum Co.



View of textile industries west of Railroad Avenue





Phenix Plant



Park Yarn Mill



Mauney Cotton Mill



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# *Industry*

# The Seventies

The early 1970's have shown much progress in housing facilities in Kings Mountain. An area of executive housing developed in the rolling woodlands west of the Country Club. Other similar areas such as Crescent Hill, Linwood and Phifer Road sections have been expanded to meet growing needs. West Gold Street, Colonial Arms and Georgetown Apartments offer comfortable multi-family dwellings. Some mobile home parks have been established and several hundred low rent housing units built with federal and local funds have been occupied. Because of outstanding service, John L. McGill was reappointed to a five year term as Director of Kings Mountain Housing Authority. Also, Hazel Brown, retired Master Sergeant in the U.S.A.F., joined the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission as Project Manager. With the completion of the Kings Mountain Water Project including the water treatment plant and the John H. Moss Lake west of Kings Mountain, a beautiful new residential area called "Woodbridge" has opened to Cleveland County, offering lake front property for permanent and vacation homes. Tennis courts and an eighteen hole golf course are also available to members and pro-

perty owners. James C. Hamrick is the developer of Woodbridge.

Every decade is marked by particular movements and trends and certainly in Kings Mountain in the early Seventies several have become obvious, for example, liberation and equal opportunity for the minorities. The youth and women have caused new avenues to open for these groups. One important innovation in city government came about by the addition of young people to all City Commissions, as well as a single non-voting seat on the Kings Mountain School Board. Four musically talented Kings Mountain High School students, namely, Jack Bell, Cynthia Alexander, Linda Ross and Leon Ross, joined a concert tour of the Soviet Union during the summer vacation. In 1972 a fully integrated and harmonious class of 268, the largest on record for Kings Mountain, graduated in the John Gamble Memorial Stadium. Defeated once, but successful in its second attempt, the Kings Mountain District Schools, led by Superintendent Donald Jones (finalist for the Sanford Educators' Award), called for and won a \$2.5 million Bond Election. This bond provided funds for a new junior high school, an auditorium at the high school, a new multi-purpose gymnasium center and classrooms for East and West Elementary

Schools and other improvements and additions to existing schools. In 1973 a new athletic field house was constructed at Gamble Stadium. The drug problem, although evident here as everywhere, was dealt with expertly by school and police officials when necessary, drawing parents and church groups in for support.

Women today, as in the past, play an important role in the life of Kings Mountain. In the early Seventies Mrs. O.O. Walker, Kings Mountain's first woman city commissioner, retired from her post. Also retiring was Mrs. Lena Ware McGill (Mrs. John L.), the lone female member of the school board. Earlier women



Royal Villa



Westgate Plaza



Kings Mountain Shopping Center

school board members were Mrs. A.H. Patterson and Mrs. Haywood Lynch. And after thirty-two years as caterer for Kings Mountain civic clubs serving from the Woman's Club, Mrs. I.B. Goforth, hung up her skillet. Believed to be the first black woman doctor from Cleveland County, Patricia Ann Corry, M.D., received her degree from Mehoney Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. The Kings Mountain Woman's Club was guided through two of its most successful years by beloved retired teacher, Mrs. W.T. Weir. Mrs. Weir now serves as co-chairman of the Kings Mountain Centennial Commission. Mrs.

Sarah Herndon Simpson, primary grade teacher, has been president of the North Carolina Council of the International Reading Association. For the first time the local North Carolina Association of Educators honored one of its peers, Mrs. J.C. Bridges, as "Teacher of the Year." Mrs. Helen C. Logan won the James Larkin Pearson Poetry award given by the North Carolina Poetry Council. And Mrs. Ruby H. Baker was elected executive Vice-President of the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association.

For recreation and refreshment several new opportunities await the leisure hours of the community. Five lighted tennis courts have been built at the high school to meet the revived interest in this sport. An eighteen hole carpet putt-putt golf course has been built at the Deal Street Recreation Center near the swimming pool. Working through the Redevelopment Commission of which Carl F. Mauney is Chairman, a mini-park was built where Dr. J.E. Anthony's office was located on East Mountain Street and another passage-way park on Battleground Avenue. These were possible as the first phases of the downtown renewal project began. The Joy Theatre, Kings Mountain's only movie house, was extensively refurbished. And

for those with an ear for country and western sounds, the Crossroads Music Park, located in the Oak Grove Section, offers nationally known musical groups and stars in an open-air setting.

After fervent crusading by groups from Gaston and Cleveland Counties who feared strip mining would be allowed and thereby ruin the natural beauty of Crowders and Kings Mountains, these sites are being considered by the North Carolina legislature for future State Parks. Kings Mountain Pinnacle area is presently owned by the John O. Plonk family.

City medical facilities were expanded also by several new additions. The Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, located one block behind the hospital, opened its doors to patients and guests. Recently completed has been the two-story East Wing of the Kings Mountain Hospital, equipped with new laboratories and operating and recovery rooms. Robert N. and Thomas P. Baker, Doctors of Dental Surgery, opened a modern and fully equipped dental clinic. Also Paul Hendricks, Jr., D.D.S., built and opened the Hendricks Dental Clinic beside the offices of his father's medical clinic. One dentist, Dr. O.P. Lewis, retired from his practice after 52 years of dedicated service.



Western Auto



Wade Ford



Silver Villa





Downtown Mini-park



Georgetown Apartments

The business profile of Kings Mountain was enhanced by numerous and diversified new operations. Sweetree Mills opened a plant here; Spectrum Company, a textured yarn and dye plant, began operations and De Rose Industries, a mobile home builder, moved into production at the Industrial Park. The Royal Villa Motel and Restaurant received its first guests in the Seventies. Kings Mountain's first outlying shopping center located at the end of West Mountain Street behind the Armory was completed under the guidance of J. Wilson Crawford, Realtor. It houses several new businesses and a Winn-Dixie Food Store, previously located uptown on Cherokee Street. Mr. Yates Harbison, Manager, was greatly surprised recently to witness the return of a caravan of gypsies riding two hundred strong in Cadillacs to shop at the new store. Also at this shopping center the First Union National Bank opened a branch bank with Manager Mary Ross Perkins in charge. First Citizens Bank and Trust moved into its beautiful new building on Battleground Avenue, as did Kings Mountain Brick on Grover Road, one of the few producers of white brick in the United States. The West Gate Plaza, located on Highway 74 West is now under construction. A second weekly newspaper, the Kings Mountain Mirror, be-

gan publication in 1972. After two years the General Publishing Co., owner of *The Mirror*, purchased *The Kings Mountain Herald* and began publication of *The Mirror Herald* in September of 1974. Eaton Company (manufacturers of heavy equipment transmissions), recently broke ground for their new plant in Kings Mountain. Beaunit Textiles also announced plans for a terminal building on York Road.

Several people and their personal achievements stand out in these years too. B. Meek Ormand celebrated his 101st birthday in 1970 at a big birthday party given by the First Presbyterian Church. "Uncle Meek" as he was affectionately called, died later that year. For the first time in many years, a Kings Mountain resident, L.E. "Josh" Hinnant, was elected to serve on the Cleveland County Commission. And W.K. Mauney, Jr., won a seat in the North Carolina Senate after having served in the North Carolina House for three terms. George Wilson was one of five persons to be inducted into the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame. Dean Westmoreland, Kings Mountain High School history teacher, was elected President of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

On February 11, 1974, Kings Mountain celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Charter of the

city. This celebration was the beginning of our Centennial year of celebration. Its culmination will be during the week of October 1-7. (Refer to colored pages in this book.)

In June of 1974 the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company informed the Kings Mountain Centennial Headquarters that it had been the recipient of the 10,000th telephone installed in Kings Mountain.

With comfort from the past, courage in the present and hope for the future, let us, the citizens of Kings Mountain dare to do even grander things than our Kin did!

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Countless personal visits and phone calls

# *Kings Mountain Today*



Kings Mountain new water treatment facility



Monument at west entrance of city donated by local Girl Scouts.



National Guard Armory



Otis D. Green Post of the American Legion was formed in 1919. It was named for the first local man killed in World War I.



Kings Mountain City Hall



Kings Mountain Convalescent Center

## *Health Services*



Baker Dental Clinic



Office of Dr. Paul Hendricks, Jr., D. D. S.



Office of Dr. D. F. Hord, D. D. S. and Dr. N. H. Reed, Optometrist





Kings Mountain Hospital



Surgical Clinic



Hendricks, Durham & Lee Clinic



McGill Clinic



Office of Dr. Philip Padgett

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L to R: Mrs. Haywood Lynch, Mrs. John L. McGill & Mrs. W. M. Gantt



Mrs. Aubrey Mauney

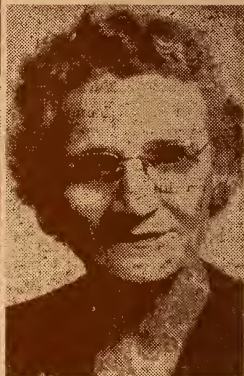


Mrs. E. W. Griffin

# Kings Mountain Woman's Club Officers, 1953



Front row, L to R: Mrs. Denver King, president, Mrs. W. T. Weir, Mrs. George Houser, Mrs. Jacob Cooper, and Mrs. C. E. Blanton. Second row, L to R: Miss Ava Ware, Mrs. J. H. Patterson, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mrs. R. D. Arrowood, and Mrs. Luther Cansler. Back row, L to R: Mrs. W. G. Grantham, Mrs. Carl Mayes, Mrs. Jacob Mauney, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, and Mrs. J. K. Willis.



Mrs. E. W. Neal



# *Women Through The Years*



Kings Mountain Woman's Club Community Festival 1973



Kings Mountain Woman's Club Officers, 1974



Senior Citizens Park Dedicated



# Mayors Of Kings Mountain

W. A. Ware  
1920-1921



W. A. Mauney  
1874-1877 1879-1880  
1893-1895 1899-1900



I. W. Garrett  
1877-1879  
1887



Wiley H. McGinnis  
1917-1923  
1925-1931



A. E. Cline  
1913-1917



W. T. R. Bell  
1881-1882



Kelly Dixon  
1961-1963



P. D. Herndon  
1923-1925



C. A. Dilling  
1909-1913



Glee A. Bridges  
1953-1961  
1963-1965



W. K. Mauney  
1931-1933



J. K. Dixon  
1886-1887



J. E. Herndon  
1933-1939  
1949-1951



John Henry Moss  
1965-Present



G. W. Kendrick  
1905-1907



J. B. Thomasson  
1939-1941



H. P. Allison  
1887-1889



Garland E. Still  
1951-1953



E. L. Campbell  
1901-1905



Joe H. Thomson  
1941-1947



William White  
1889-1890



H. Tom Fulton  
1947-1949



J. T. White  
1898-1899



R. S. Plonk  
1890-1891



W. T. Bradford  
1896-1898



C. M. Nolen  
1891-1893



Not pictured

R. S. Sugg  
1874

A. V. Falls  
1880-1886

F. M. Garrett  
1887

L. T. Mann  
1900-1901

J. C. Patrick  
1907-1909

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**CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN**



Kings Mountain Pinnacle

The city of Kings Mountain is located in the Piedmont Crescent, a thriving industrial area in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It has a splendid year-round climate with freedom, generally, from long periods of extremely hot or cold temperatures. The altitude of the town west of the Railway Station (Bench Mark K-40) is 1003.390 feet.

For generations, people of our town have "looked to the mountain," everlastingly standing there, for inspiration. The Kings Mountain range is approximately 16 miles long with two outstanding pinnacles: Kings Mountain is 1705 feet high, and Crowders is 1624 feet. This small mountain range is believed by some geologists to be much older than the Appalachian Range, reputed to be the oldest in the United States.

The area is well-balanced between industry, mining and agriculture. Corn and cotton are major row crops. Many farmers grow a large quantity of small grain and hay. The area has become a major dairy center, and poultry growing has become an important industry.

Approximately 335 large and small retail businesses serve the growing population of the Kings Mountain area.

The U. S. Census Department states the population for the city of Kings Mountain (1970) is 8,256, and the Greater Kings Mountain trading area is 21,914.

Kings Mountain has the Council-Mayor form of government with six commissioners and mayor elected biennially. The police force of 20 trained officers has nine mobile units and the latest in police equipment. The Fire Department has 6 paid members and 20 volunteers with 3 fire trucks.



Kings Mountain Lake

# CENTENNIAL

## V.I.P's



Co-chairmen of Kings Mountain Centennial Commission, Mrs. W. T. Weir & Charles F. Mauney.



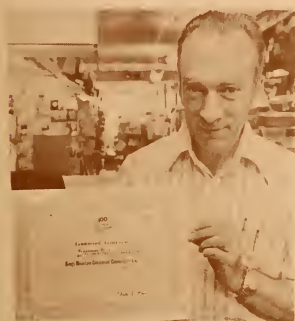
Left to right, Mayor John Henry Moss and Charles F. Mauney in Washington in March, 1974, to invite Vice President Gerald Ford to be the principal speaker on October 5. The meeting was arranged by Representative James E. Broyhill. The Vice President accepted in July but had to cancel all commitments in August when he became President of the U. S. The Centennial Commission reissued the invitation to him as President in late August.



Platform at 100th Birthday Celebration of Charter of City of Kings Mountain, Feb. 11, 1974.



# CELEBRATION



J. C. Bridges displaying stock certificate.



Mrs. W. T. Weir presenting first prize in official seal design contest to Mrs. Raymond Holmes.



Mrs. Don Blanton and Mrs. George Houser, chairmen of Centennial Headquarters.



Centennial Headquarters



Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Secretary of Centennial Headquarters.



The Executive Committee



Gov. Jim Holshouser gets honorary Brothers of Brush pin from Charles Dixon.

## Centennial Belles and Brothers of the Brush



Kingsmont Brothers of the Brush



First Lady Contestants



Kingsmont Belle Chapter



The fashions of yesteryear were displayed at the organizational meeting of the Kings Mountain Centennial Belles. From L to R, Mrs. Wyman Haigler, from front to back, Katherine Harper, Carolina Harper and Holly Dellinger, and Mrs. Lee A. McIntyre.





KEYSTONE KOPS

Left to right, Glenn Rolin, Lyn Cheshire, Jake Dixon and Jay Ashley



Left to right, Mrs. Lewis Dellinger, Mrs. Larry Allen and Mrs. David Plonk.



Barber Shop Quartet? Plus 6



Stephen Mauney and Amy Austin.



Yvonne Greene and Laura Ann Hudson



Official Coin cast in bronze and limited edition in sterling silver.





Lynne W. Mauney



Hazel H. Fryer

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We hope that all of you and your families will enjoy this booklet now and for many years to come. In an undertaking of this magnitude, and in such limited space, there are bound to be some inaccuracies and omissions. We hope you will forgive us for these and know that we really tried to do the very best that we knew how.

With every good wish,

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